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WILL BRITAIN RE-TAKE HANKOW?

EVASIVE OFFICIAL REPLY.

TWO BRITISH NAVAL MEN WOUNDED.

BREAKDOWN IN SUN-CHIANG PEACE CONFERENCE.

RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons as to whether the British Government proposed to re-occupy Hankow in view of the failure of the Nationalist Government to implement the Agreement entered into regarding the Concession, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the British Government was still in communication with the other Powers. He was unable to say what course would be taken.

H.M.S. Kiawo has again been fired on in the Yangtze, two British seamen being wounded. The firing was by a Nationalist battery and was directed on a convoy of vessels which was flying the British flag conspicuously. A river steamer was also struck, but suffered no casualties.

The peace conference between Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has broken down, owing to Sun's refusal to fight against General Chang Tsung-chang, the Tupan of Shantung.

There has been a renewal of hostilities between North and South in the region of Chinkiang, a long and heavy artillery duel taking place yesterday, shore batteries being assisted by cruisers.

NANKING DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE.

London, May 2. shell struck the s.s. Minghai. In the House of Commons, re-
plying to Mr. H. W. Looker, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that in each case the Kiawo replied joint recommendations with regard to the fire with her main armament to the British Concession at ment.—*Naval Wireless.*

Tientsin, with proposed new regulations and an amended trust deed, had been initiated on April 22.

Certain points were reserved for consideration by the Government's concerned.

Nationalist Failure. Comdr. G. D. Finshaw asked if the British Government proposed to re-occupy the British Concession at Hankow, in view of the failure, by the Nationalist Government to implement the agreement entered into in connection with the Concession.

To this Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the British Government had been in communication with other interested Powers, as a result of the Nanking outrages. He at present was unable to make any statement as to what course they will feel it is right to take.

Peking Executions. In the course of a reply to Comdr. Kenworthy with regard to the nature of the trial of 21 Chinese arrested in connection with the raid on the Russian Legation at Peking, who were strangled, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he had read a newspaper report that the trial was held in secret, and the accused were not permitted to defend themselves, but he had no information.

If it were true (and it did not seem incredible) it was perhaps a reason for proceeding slowly in questions affecting extra-territoriality in China.—*Reuter.*

WARSHIPS FIRED ON. Two British Seamen Wounded. Shanghai, May 2. Two seamen on board H.M.S. Kaiwo were wounded to-day as the result of shell-fire from Nationalist batteries at Kueishan. The Kiawo was engaged in escorting a convoy of merchant ships, and the shell-fire from Kueishan was the second to which the convoy had been subjected on the way up river.

When passing Tungchow, the batteries there opened fire on the convoy, which was flying the British flag conspicuously, and one

WHITE FOR "INDEPENDENCE"

Lion Hill Flag Explained.

Nanking, May 2. An explanation is now afforded for the white flag on Lion Hill. It is reported to be an indication of the independence of the Hankow clique.

The cross-river hostilities continued to-day on a minor scale, there being intermittent rifle and shell fire.—*Naval Wireless.*

EFFECT OF WARSHIPS.

Less Truculence at Hankow.

Messages from Hankow show that the presence of H.M.S. Vendictive and H.M.S. Carlisle has had a very great effect on the Chinese. Since their arrival anti-foreignism has been curbed and in fact there is an air of respect and friendliness shown to all foreigners ashore.

People from Hankow report that it was exactly the same last year, while H.M.S. Hawkins lay off the Bund the city was as peaceful as any spot in China, but the day after she left anti-foreignism broke out. With what fatal results to British trade and prestige we have seen.

The river having risen again our bigger vessels can get up there. Meantime efforts are being made to get a resumption of business in Hankow.

NANKING DISCUSSIONS.

Delay Not Dangerous?

London, May 2. In the House of Commons, replying to a number of questions, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the discussions as regards Nanking were still proceeding among the Powers. He would make a full statement immediately it was possible.

He thought it was a matter for argument whether (as the questioner declared) the hesitation and prolonged delay in exacting reparations was likely to lead to further similar incidents, and be completely misunderstood by the Chinese.

Firing on Ships. Lieut. Col. C. M. Headlam said His Majesty's ships had been authorised to return any fire directed at British ships on the Yangtze.

Mr. H. W. Looker asked if he was aware that this return of fire was not having the slightest effect on the firing which was taking place.

Col. Headlam said he could not answer for Mr. Looker's information.—*Reuter.*

POWERS IN TOUCH. Special Conference not Needed. London, May 2. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. J. S. Wardlaw Milne's suggestion as to whether he would consider the inviting of the Japanese and United States Governments to a conference for the purpose of formulating a common policy for the Pacific and Far East, Sir Austen Chamberlain said these Governments had been in communication on all matters concerning their joint interests in China, and no further degree of co-operation could be secured by the suggested kind of conference.—*Reuter.*

NORTH RIVER "DRIVE." Preparation for Big Effort. Canton, May 2. Owing to the seriousness of the North River military situation, General Chien Ta-chun has taken up his new appointment as Field Marshal of the Northern Anti-Red Expedition, and has just headed the headquarters of the expeditionary army formed and established in Canton, which will of course be moved up to the North River as soon as General Chien leaves for the front.

All the forces to join this expedition, including all the Kwangsi troops that are being sent to the front, will be placed under the command of General Chien, who will therefore have a force of no less than 30,000 strong.

General Chien inspected most of the expeditionary troops personally before they were sent up to the North River. He had the 5th regiment of reserves and the artillery regiment of his 20th Division inspected on April 30, and these two regiments boarded trains for the North River yesterday. The cadets of General

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HONGKONG BANK LOSE COMPRADORE.

EXTENSIVE FALSIFICATION ALLEGED.

HAS FIVE LAKHS OF DEBTS.

Peking, May 3. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has applied for a warrant for the arrest of its compadore, Teng Cheng-hsiang, who on the close of business, on Saturday disappeared with his son, who is an assistant compadore.

The Chinese staff disappeared simultaneously, but has now returned, and the bank is functioning as usual.

The compadore's affairs appear to be much involved. It is reported that he owes five lakhs to Chinese banks in Peking.

A preliminary investigation is alleged to have revealed extensive falsifications of his accounts.—*Reuter.*

THE MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.

250,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS.

Washington, May 2. President Coolidge a first-hand account of the situation in the Mississippi flood area.

It is estimated that a quarter million people are homeless, but Mr. Hoover expressed his confidence that they could be properly cared for by the Red Cross.

He said the health conditions in the devastated regions were good, the people being vaccinated and inoculated.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Flood Area Extending. New Orleans, May 2. Notwithstanding the breaches made in the levees northward, the State of Louisiana has begun to feel the full force of the floods which are breaking the levees and have added a further 300,000 square miles to the floods in the region of Concordia.

The embankment of the Yazoo River broke at Eden, flooding 10,000 acres.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Appeal for \$10,000,000. New York, later. On Mr. Hoover's recommendation, the American Red Cross is appealing for the United States to contribute a minimum of \$10,000,000 to relieve suffering in the Mississippi flood area.

The fund has hitherto reached over \$5,500,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

President's Further Appeal. Washington, May 2. President Coolidge has issued a proclamation stating that the \$5,500,000 subscribed to the flood relief fund is insufficient, because the number of persons to be cared for has doubled, and the crest of the flood has not yet reached all parts.

He appeals for a further five million to meet "a grave crisis affecting a wide area in several States."—*Reuter's American Service.*

HARBOUR RESCUE.

EX-SOLDIER'S EARLY SWIM.

In the early hours of this morning, one of the officers of the str. Bellerophon observed a Chinese swimming or struggling in the water. A boat was lowered and the man picked up. The man was later handed over to the police.

In reply to the latter's questions, the man stated that he was an ex-soldier, and although he would not say how he came to be in the water, it is thought that he had jumped overboard from the str. Sinkiang, on which he was a passenger.

STOP PRESS.

AMERICA HOLDS UP
NANKING NOTE.

Shanghai, May 3. A semi-official Japanese message from Peking says the Ministers of the five Powers held a conference yesterday, re the second Note to the Nationalist Government.

No agreement was reached owing to America not favouring sending any Note yet.—*Reuter.*

REPLY TO JAPAN.

VEILED THREAT BY HANKOW.

"A RECENT EMANCIPATION."

The text of Eugene Chen's reply to the Japanese Note on Nanking, known to be the most interesting of the five sent in has hitherto not been available for publication.

The following note was handed by Mr. Eugene Chen, Nationalist Minister for Foreign Affairs, to Mr. Takao, Japanese Consul-General, yesterday afternoon (April 14). It is a reply to the note presented to Minister Chen on the Nanking incident.

"The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government is in receipt of the Japanese Government's note dated April 11, 1927, formulating terms 'for the prompt settlement of the situation created by the outrages against Japanese nationals committed by the Nationalist troops at Nanking on 24th of March last.'

"As it is hardly credible that the Japanese Government can, at the outset, desire a settlement of the Nanking incident other than through one of the means known to International Law for the amicable settlement of state differences, the Minister for Foreign Affairs has to point out that the Japanese Government have not previously communicated with him on the subject and that, therefore, he must read the note under reply as initiating a diplomatic negotiation for the prompt and friendly settlement of whatever grievances and losses may have been sustained by Japanese nationals as a result of disturbances at Nanking on March 24 last.

Japan Reminded. "Relying on Japanese comprehension of the historical forces which to-day are operating in China just as similar forces operated in Japan within the past half-century and emancipated her from the servitudes of unequal treaties, the Minister for Foreign Affairs indulges in the hope that the Japanese Government, in their own vital interests, will refrain from taking part in any action or measure in the present situation calculated to interfere with the extension of Nationalist authority and power and the early unification of the whole of China under the Nationalist Government.

"In reply to the Japanese term calling for 'complete reparation for the personal injuries and material damage done,' the Nationalist Government are prepared to make good all damage done to the Japanese Consulate at Nanking on the ground that whether or not such damage was caused by Northern rebels and others as stated in the preliminary statement issued by the Nationalist Government on March 31 last, the fact remains that the Consulate of a friendly Power on Chinese territory has been violated.

"As regards reparation for personal injuries to Japanese nationals and other material damage done, the Nationalist Government are prepared to make all reasonable and necessary reparation except in cases where it can be definitely proved that the same have been caused by the British-American naval bombardment of Nanking on March 24 or by Northern rebels and agents provocateurs.

Matter of Guilt. "The demand for the 'adequate punishment of commanders of the troops responsible for the murders, the personal injuries and indignities and material damage done as also, of all persons found to be implicated,' necessarily assumes the guilt of the Nationalist forces who captured Nanking. While this guilt is contradicted in the preliminary statement issued on March 31, a rigid Government inquiry is being conducted in order to ascertain the exact facts of the case, including verification of the outstanding fact reported to the Military Council by General Cheng Chien, who took Nanking, that his forces rounded up and captured approximately thirty thousand Northern soldiers with rifles, besides thousands of camp-followers, inside the city of Nanking itself. General Cheng Chien has also reported that a number of those implicated have been executed. The Nationalist Government propose that the ques-

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NAVAL AND AIR FORCE VOLUNTEERS?

SUGGESTION AT H.K.V.D.C. DINNER.

THE CORPS COMPLIMENTED.

The extension of Volunteer service to the sea and to aircraft was remarked upon as a prospect by commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., R.N., at a dinner given by the Mounted Infantry, Armoured Car Company, and the Fanning Hunt, at the Volunteer Headquarters last night. Capt. H. B. L. Dowbiggin presided.

Well over a hundred guests were present, including Major Gen. C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., Commodore J. L. Pearson, Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut. Col. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., Major Roberts, V.C., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Capt. C. H. Steele, M.C., Dr. J. C. MacGown, Mr. G. Maas, Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Mr. Ho Kwong, and Mr. Ho Leung.

The loyal toast having been duly honoured, Capt. Dowbiggin submitted the toast of "Our Guests," remarking on the close association between the Volunteers and the Services in Hongkong, and paying a tribute to the Hunt Club.

Major Gen. Luard briefly replied for the military and Commodore Pearson for the naval guests.

Commodore Pearson congratulated the H.K.V.D.C. on the all-round excellence of the Corps, and expressed a hope that the time would come when their efforts would be extended to the naval and air branches of defence.

The company was afterwards entertained by the Gay Jays Concert Party, under the direction of Mr. R. H. Charles. The artistes included Miss Munro, Mr. G. G. Stopani Thompson, Mr. Morley Horder, the Tolan sisters, who gave a splendid dancing display; Mrs. Fleming; Messrs. Charles and Potts; the Noronha sisters, who sang and danced; Messrs. Duncan and Remedios (a capital saxophone duet); Miss Vera Jefford in classical dances; and Mrs. Frank, Mr. Wheelodon and Mr. Sharman at the piano, cello and violin.

The show concluded with a highly entertaining sketch by the members of the Party.

Professor Piesler, who is giving nightly shows at the Lee Theatre, also mystified the company with a demonstration of occult science.

ARMY OFFICER'S TRIAL. RIFLE CLUB ACCOUNTS. Gibraltar, May 2. Lieutenant Duffield, charged with the murder of his Colonel, Col. FitzGerald of the East Surreys, on April 7, was committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

Evidence showed that Lieut. Duffield was in charge of the rifle club, including its accounts. A battalion order was produced requiring the accused to present his accounts on April 6. Duffield had not produced his accounts.

The chief accountant of Barclay's Bank at Gibraltar gave evidence that there were only £18-14s. standing to the credit of the rifle club.—*Reuter.*

FRANCE FROWNS ON COMMUNISM. M. POINCARÉ'S WARNING TO "REDS."

London, May 2. "France is not a practice ground for Bolshevik imperialism. It is not by a return to primitive regimes that she will find progress in civilisation and happiness for humanity."

Thus M. Poincaré at Bar-le-Duc, on the occasion of the Council General of the Meuse, warned the Communists that the laws of the Republic would be applied energetically to suppress any criminal attempt to menace the discipline of the army or the safety of the State.—*Reuter.*

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SHIP COLLISION.

WING ON-ANJOU ENQUIRY.

CAPTAIN MUTTON'S REMARKS.

A Marine Court of enquiry assembled at the Harbour Office at 10.30 this morning to enquire into the circumstances attending the collision between the s.s. Wing On (Captain Mutton) and s.s. Anjou (Captain J. Webster), off the Wongmum Customs Station on April 20.

The composition of the Court was Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole (Harbour Master) as President, Lieut. Comdr. Pittcairn Jones, D.S.C.; Captain W. S. Shearer, of the s.s. Halvard, Captain T. M. Meyrich, of s.s. Mausang, and Captain D. Ritchie of s.s. Klungchow.

Mr. Fitzroy appeared for Captain J. Webster and the owners of the s.s. Anjou, on the instructions of Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton. Mr. Hugh Jones, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for Captain C. Mutton of the s.s. Wing On.

Captain Mutton was first heard, stating under examination by Mr. Hugh Jones that the Wing On left Kongmoon at 3.40 p.m. on April 20th and arrived at Wongmum at 7.40 p.m. Owing to a heavy thunderstorm it was found necessary to anchor one cable's length off the South Bank near the Customs Station, the wind at the time being N.E. force 5, tide ebbing eastward at 2 knots, one hour before low water. The only other ship in the vicinity was a Naval armed launch above the Wing On to the Westward about 300 yards, and a number of junks close in shore.

The width of the channel at this point was about 1/2 mile according to witness and rain East and West.

Anjou Anchors Nearby. The Anjou arrived about 20 minutes later and anchored about 1/2 cable to the North of the Wing On and a little to the West. The Wing On was lying westward to the ebb.

There were signs of a weather clearance at 8.30 p.m. and the Wing On was got under way at 8.35 p.m., bound for Hongkong. The Wing On was turned by putting both engines ahead and proceeding toward the North Bank, crossing the bows of the Anjou and turning to starboard. The whistle was blown. The Anjou was still heading West, with steaming lights on and appeared to be waiting for the Wing On to cross. The Wing On turned slowly on port helm, passing between the bows of the Anjou and the stern of the armed launch.

As the weather was dirty, witness took charge, the Chief Officer being on the bridge at the time. The Chief Officer expressed an opinion that the Wing On was rather close to the North bank and witness replied that he was satisfied, at that moment putting the starboard engine full astern until the Wing On had almost turned to her outward course, East.

It was then observed that the Anjou was turning on starboard helm to the South bank, his starboard side being toward Wing On. As the Anjou was turning to the South and Wing On to North, witness stopped the starboard engine, the Wing On at that time probably making two knots.

Engines Stopped. It was witness's intention to put the starboard engine slow ahead and continue on the course, but the Anjou was closing more rapidly than the Wing On's port helm was acting. Both engines were accordingly stopped. A fresh wind on the port bow carried the head of Wing On about one point to starboard. The Anjou's stern still closed, she heading at about S. by E. and the Wing On approximately East by this time. Witness accordingly put port engine astern and starboard engine ahead to clear the Anjou, at the same time sounding the necessary signal. The Anjou answered, this being the first whistle signal made by her. The Anjou's stern still closed and the starboard engine was stopped. Immediately afterwards the Anjou's stern struck the stern of the Wing On on the starboard side. Wing On's headway at this time was not more than one knot, this estimate being based on observations made by the saloon lights of Wing On. Witness drew the attention of the Chief Officer to the fact

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PROTEST FROM MID-LEVELS ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Walter G. Joseph, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Mid-Levels Residents Association, has forwarded to us for publication the following correspondence between the Association and the Peak Tramways Company, Ltd., on the subject of the increased cost of season tickets for May Road residents:

Messrs. John D. Humphreys and Son, General Managers, Peak Tramways Co. Ltd.

Dear Sirs,—This Association has noticed your advertisement announcing the proposed increase in the cost of Season Tickets between May Road and the Lower Terminus.

The old rate was \$21. per quarter (or \$7. per month), which was raised to \$9, but holders were entitled to travel the whole distance either way. It is now proposed to raise the rate to \$10, or in other words, Mid-Level residents are to pay \$1 more for the privilege of travelling only half the distance they have hitherto been permitted to travel.

This is an increase of no less than 42.75% over the rate ruling only 3 years ago, and is considered by this Association as entirely out of proportion to the increase of facilities enjoyed by travellers to and from May Road station, especially when it is remembered that Peak season-ticket holders are not being asked to pay any more than they were at that time.

I am directed by my Committee to put these facts before you with a view to the old rates being retained.—I am, etc.,

(Sd.) WALTER G. JOSEPH,
Hon. Sec. and Treas.

Hongkong, March 30.
W. G. Joseph Esq., Hon. Secretary, The Mid-Levels Residents Association.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo on the subject of the cost of monthly tickets between May Road and the Lower Terminus, we have to inform you that the matter was laid before the Board yesterday and they regret they are unable to reverse their previous decision and that the revised prices as advertised in the notice dated 28th March must stand.

It is further considered the increased facilities at May Road, taken in conjunction with the fact that it is at that point of the line where the load is heaviest and the cost of running greatest, that the extra charge made for contract tickets is warranted.—Yours, etc.,
(Sd.) Peak Tramways Co. Ltd.,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS AND SON,
Hongkong, April 12.

SERVICEMEN ENTER-TAINED.

LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT.

Ever since the arrival in the Colony of the additional forces now stationed in Kowloon, the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club has made special arrangements for their entertainment, and, besides placing the spacious Hall at the disposal of the troops, weekly impromptu concerts have been given for the special benefit of the soldiers.

The large attendances at the daily gatherings at the Hall are sufficient proof of the men's appreciation of the kindness of the committee and members of the Club.

Last night, the International Order of Good Templars and Independent Order of Rechabites gave a concert in the Hall and the effort to entertain the troops was a most successful one, there being a "full house" present.

No admission was charged, but a collection was taken during the proceedings to defray the expenses of organising the concert.

CHINA CRISIS.

BORODIN IN HIDING.

Hankow, April 17.

Though the situation here is very calm on the surface, pessimistic rumours are prevalent to the effect that owing to the growing influence of the Radicals, the prominent Moderate officials of the Nationalist Government are arranging to flee.

The French residents are concentrated along the Bund, while about 150 British residents are also living either on the Bund or on board British vessels in the stream. All the Japanese residents are in their concession, where, however, business is suspended except at one hotel.

Some of the Japanese wish to open business with Chinese merchants, but others favour continuance, for the time being, of the breach of relations with the Chinese, and no compromise has as yet been reached. Food, supplies are ample and traffic open to all foreign residents. Under these conditions some factories are running in the Japanese Concession with more than one thousand Chinese workers employed.

The Volunteer Corps, which has been assisting the Chinese since the trouble began, was disbanded last night lest some of the members, in the excitement, might aggravate the situation.

Mr. Borodin, Russian adviser of the Nationalist Government, and Mr. Teng Yen-ta, head of its Political Bureau, have moved from the native city to the International Hospital in the French Concession ostensibly for health reasons, but really for safety.

The hospital, which may be said to be internationally protected, is the safest place here at the moment.

Out of View.

According to a Chinese who has just come to Shanghai from Hankow says the N. C. D. News except for Mr. Sun Fo, who seems to have run amok, most of the Communists are so frightened that they have even stopped making speeches. Mr. Eugene Chen is said to be in a less belligerent mood apparently having been chastened by the events of the past few weeks. The only active governor is Comrade Borodin, who is absolutely dictating all policies and activities.

Comrade Borodin, however, according to this informant, is none too certain as to his position. He is constantly on the move so that only the inner circle is aware as to which place is his residence at any given moment. The story that he is a patient at the French Hospital in Hankow is for public consumption. Its purpose is to prevent persons from attempting to see him. Not only does he change his address daily but sometimes oftener than that.

The report that General Tang Seng-chi has resigned as Commander-in-chief of his army is untrue. He has handed over one of his commands to an underling to make certain of his loyalty. He is keeping the rest of his jobs for himself.

Bishop of London's Views.

Some important comments on the Chinese situation were made by the Bishop of London in the course of the interview given on April 15 to the *Times of Ceylon*. He said: "I went to Shanghai and stayed two or three days. Of course there was no trouble there then. There was only an army, fifty miles off. Then I went to Hongkong in an armed steamer. The Chinese in themselves are most friendly to the British. I received a wonderful welcome from them, and they gave me a fine dinner at which I had to eat with chop sticks and did not get much of the food into my mouth. They also gave me wonderful presents, and I was seen off by a launch full of cheering Chinese."

CHIEF CONSTRUCTOR.

APPOINTMENT TO HONGKONG DOCKYARD.

The Admiralty announce that Mr. J. C. Joughin, senior constructor at Devonport Dockyard, has been appointed chief constructor at Hongkong Yard, vice Mr. J. S. Gillingham. It is understood that Mr. Gillingham is going to the Admiralty. Mr. Joughin succeeded Mr. Gillingham at Devonport on May 15, and his departure is much regretted. He commenced his service career as an engineer cadet at the R.N.E. College, Keyham, in 1896, and entered the Royal Corps of Naval Construction in 1904. He served for four years as an assistant constructor at Hongkong, leaving Hongkong in July, 1910, he became constructive officer representing the Admiralty at the shipyards of Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie, Hebburn, and Messrs. Palmers, Jarrow. He was subsequently in charge of the building of H.M.S. Queen Mary and then H.M.S. Resolution. In August, 1914, he was instructed to prepare for sea the Turkish battleship Sultan Osman. Mr. Joughin's appointments included that of constructor on the staff of the Director of Warship Production; and in 1918 he was advanced to senior constructor, and became Warship Production Superintendent, N.E. District.

"I wrote to the *Times* about the Chinese situation and said that if only people would leave the Chinese and the British alone, they were specially fitted to be friends. Both were keen on trade, both were honest traders, and both were very industrious. There was no reason why there should not be the best of friends. They were simply stirred by Russian Bolsheviks. I went up and found this out for myself. I found in Canton that before the British or French had fired a single shot, the Chinese, stirred up by Russians, had fired four shots, and one Frenchman had been killed before the French had fired a shot. That information was obtained from eye-witnesses of the incident."

"I honestly don't know what is going to come out of the present position in China. There is no reason why the Chinese and English should not get on perfectly well with each other. England does not want to interfere with the Government of China in any way, and has now made most generous terms in regard to amending the Treaties which should be accepted."

Soldiers Drowned in Bundles.

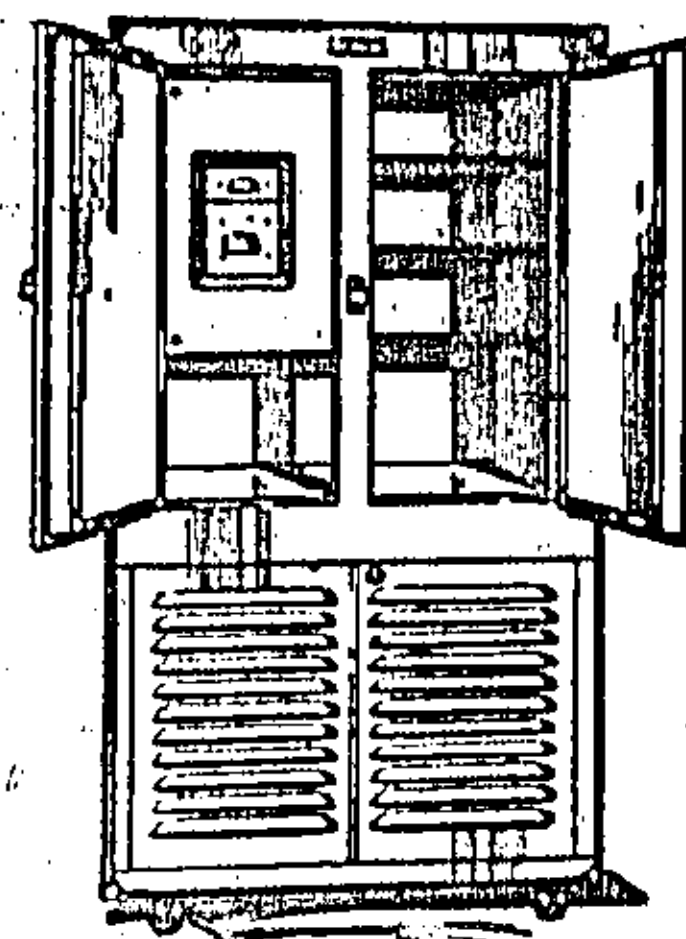
Describing the capture of Kaifeng by the Yichun, foreigners state that the Fengtien division there was taken largely by surprise, mainly owing to lack of proper information as to the approach of hostile forces. The Yellow River Bridge had been captured and if they could have held out for two or three days they would have been relieved by other Fengtien forces. As it was they put up a resistance for a few hours and then fled during the night and scattered over the countryside. The villagers and the Red Spear Society, which is notoriously hostile to all troops, attacked the scattered and fleeing soldiers and butchered them in hundreds. Many of them had thrown away their arms and could offer no resistance. Numbers who reached the Yellow River were unable to cross and were killed there. Villagers in some cases tied the soldiers together in bundles and threw them into the river to drown.

The Northerners on retaking Kaifeng found practically no trace of this division or its equipment and exacted a terrible vengeance on the countryfolk. Foreigners state that whole villages were wiped out and a stretch of territory near the south bank of the Yellow River north of Kaifeng was turned into a wilderness.

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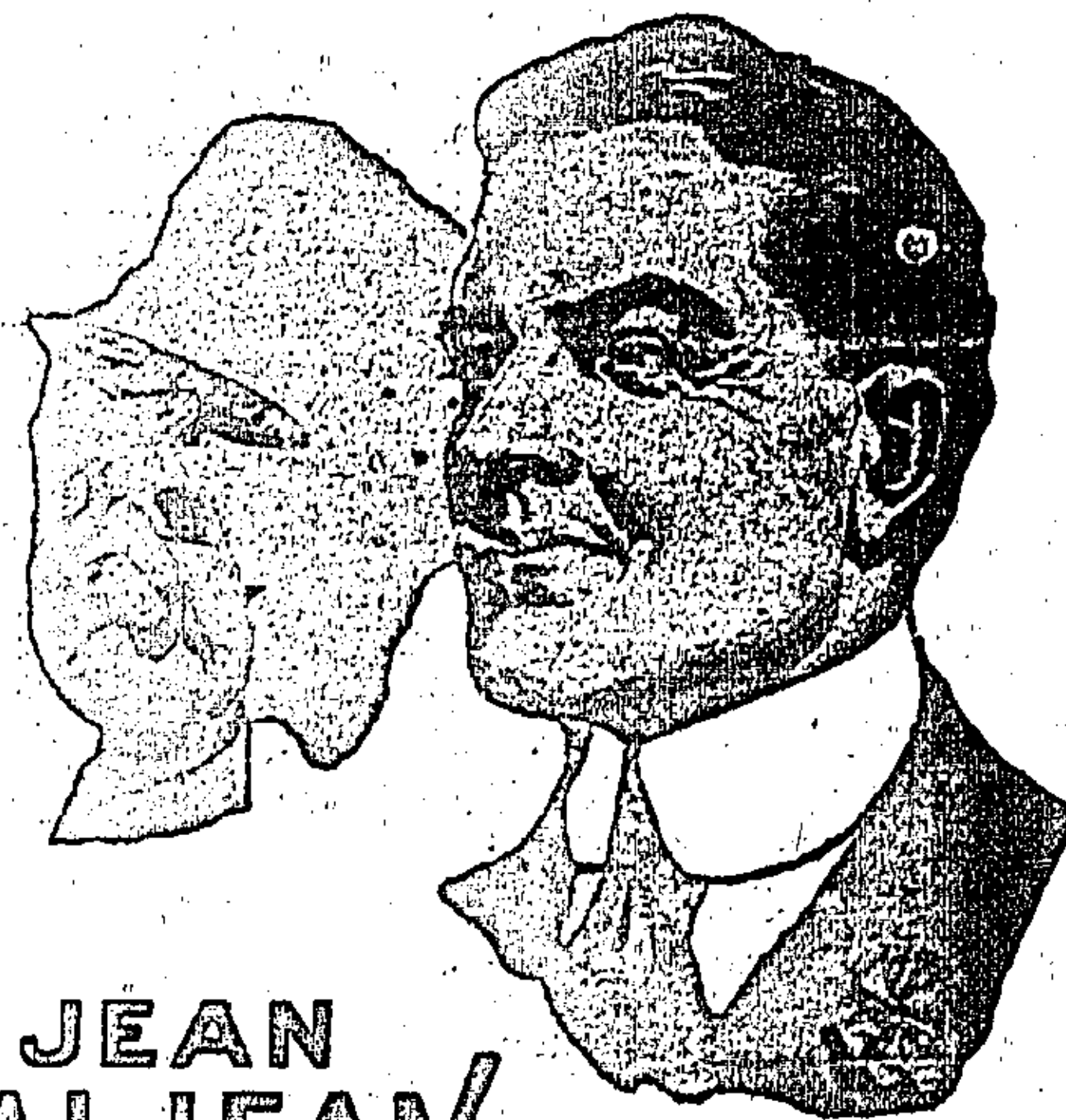
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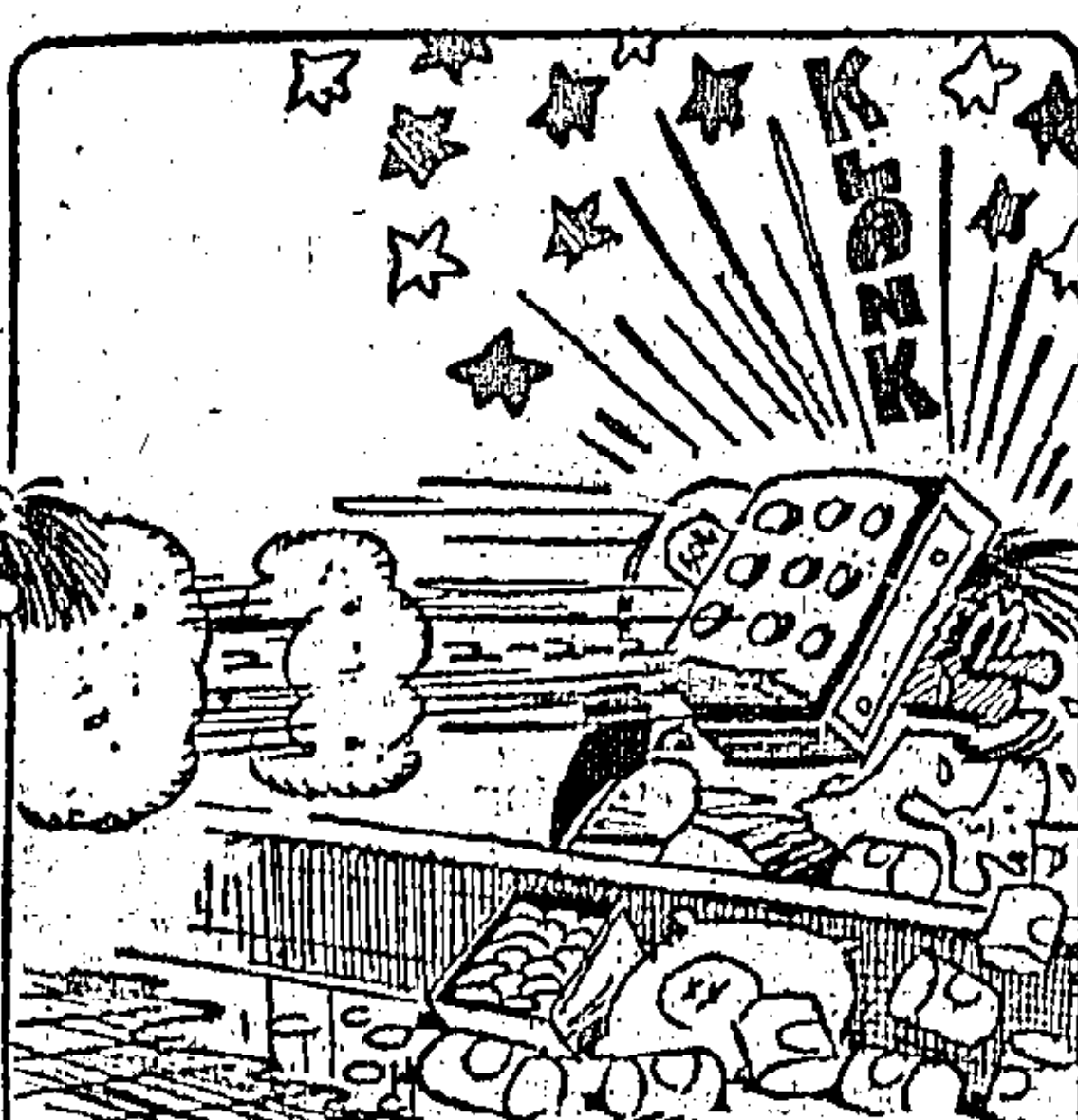
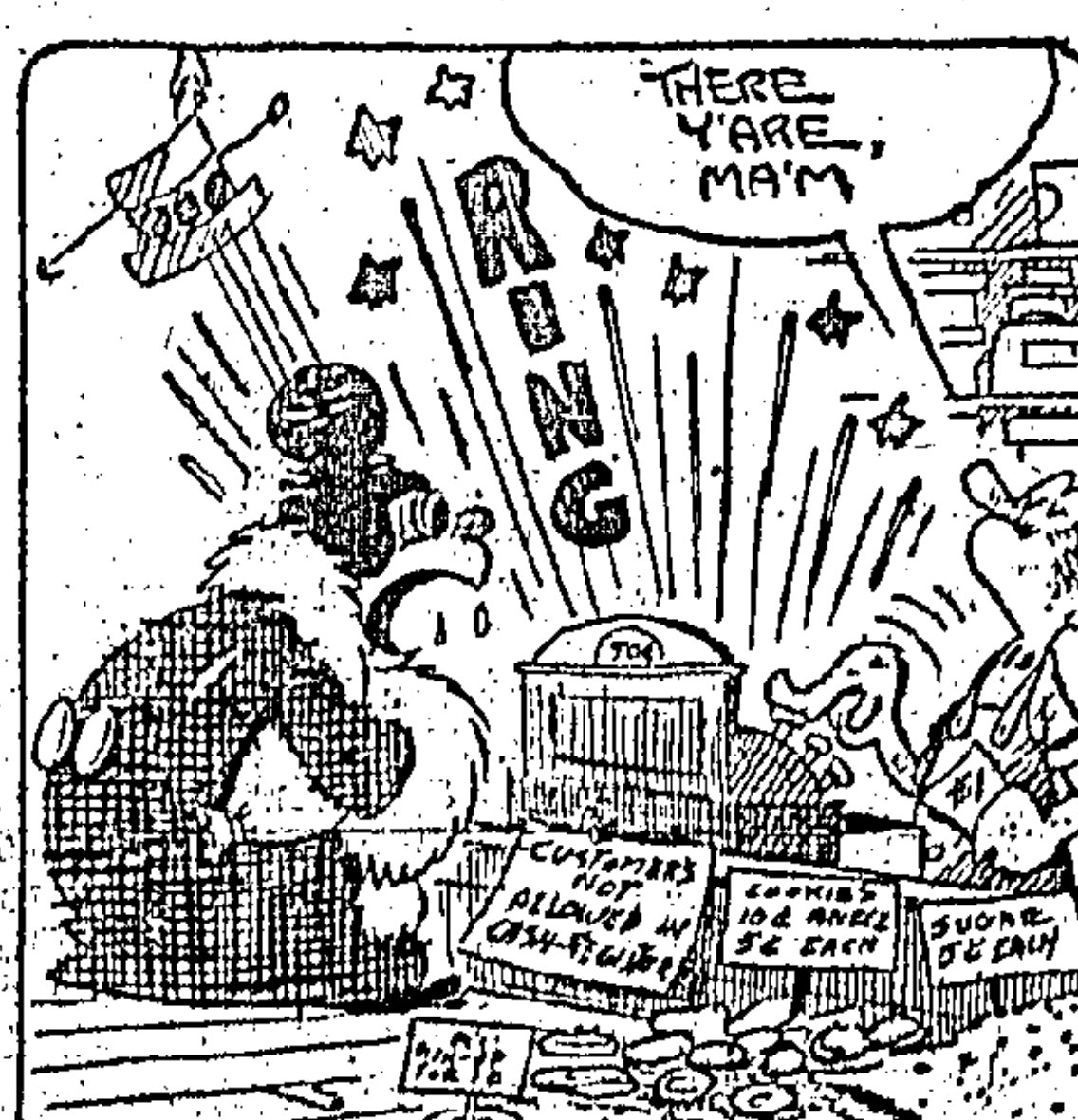
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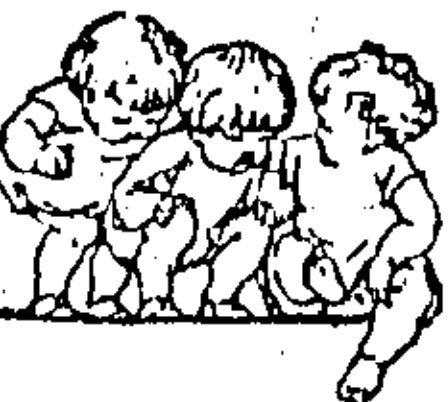
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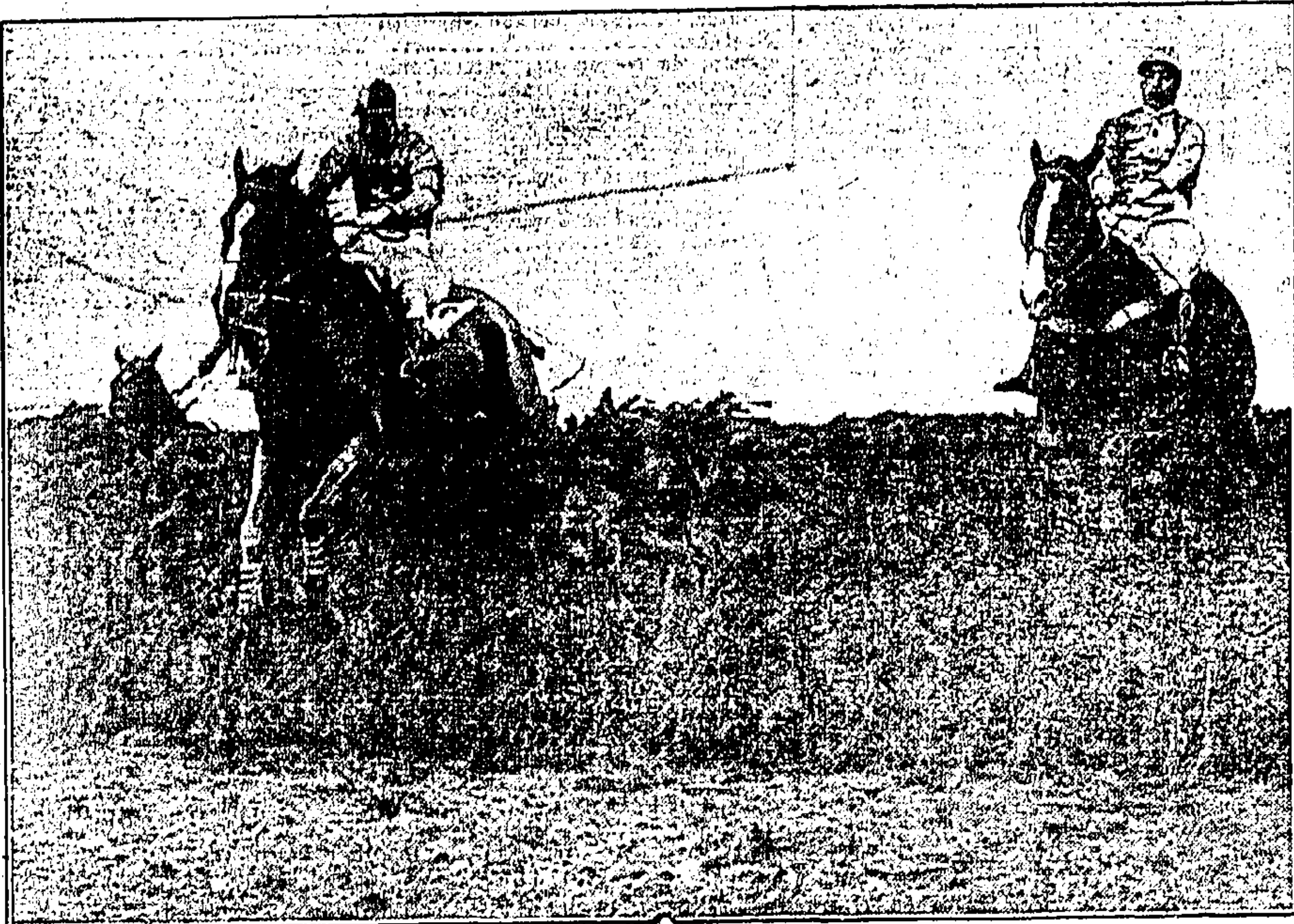




FULL LEAGUE MEETING.—For the first time in the history of the League of Nations, a German presided at the meeting of the league Council at Geneva. He is Dr. Gustav Stresemann (arrow).



A recent portrait of Sir Herbert Samuel.



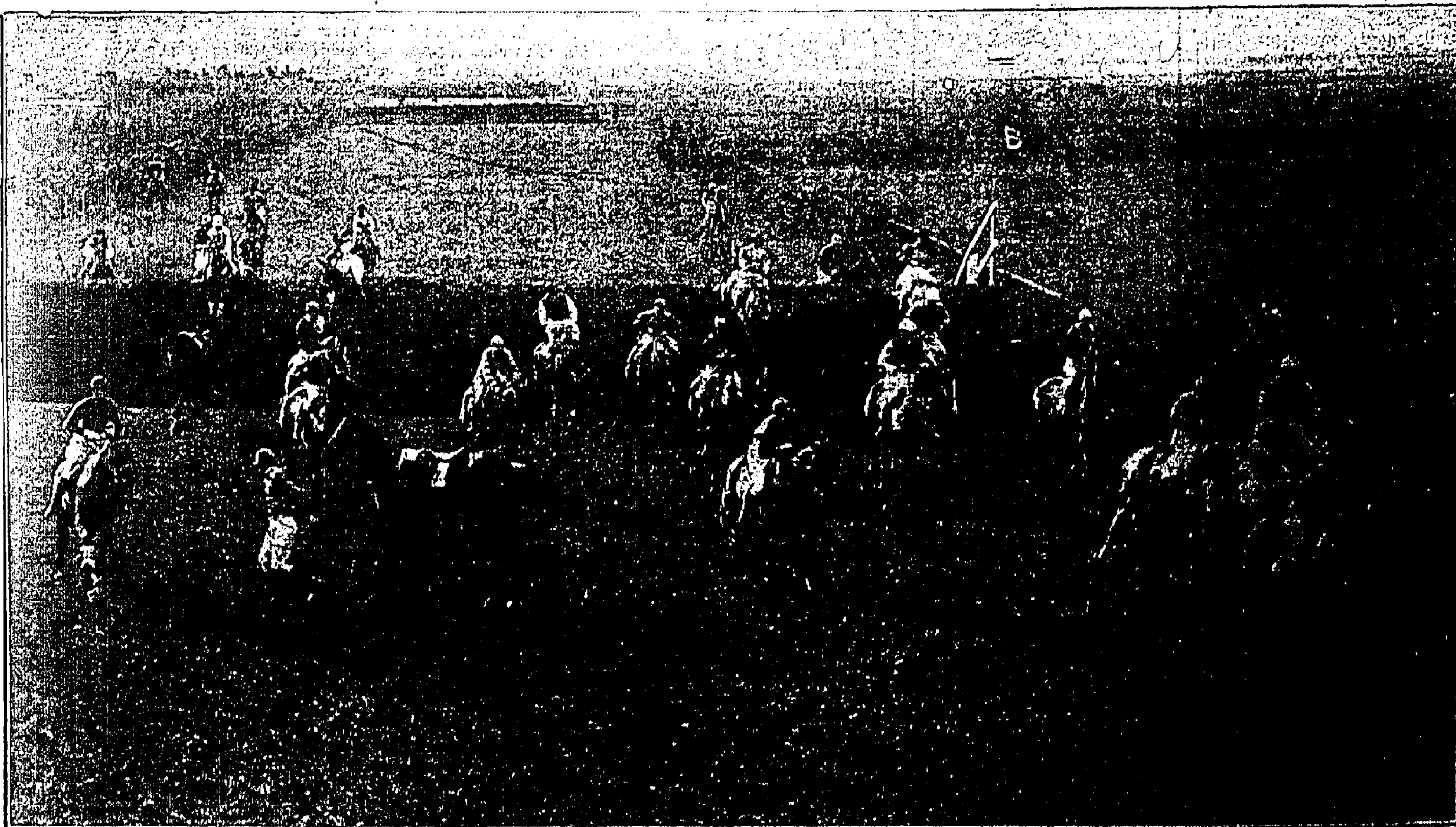
FAVOURITE WINS THE GRAND NATIONAL.—Our picture shows Sprig (left) leading Bright's Boy over the last jump in the Grand National. (Times copyright).



Major H. O. D. Segrave, who made a world's motor speed record of 203.841 m.p.h.



LINCOLN HIRE HANDICAP.—The close finish of the Lincolnshire Handicap, showing Priory Park beating Orbidos (right) by a head, with Astorus, the favourite, and Melon (left) dead-heating for third place.



SPRIG'S VICTORY IN "RECORD" FIELD.—For the first time for several years, the Grand National was won by the favourite, Sprig beating Bovril 111, by a length, with Bright's Boy third, a length behind. There was a "record" field of 37 starters. The field at Becher's Brook first time round. (Times copyright).



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NOTICE.

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Harry Owen Hughes has this day

been admitted a Partner in our

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Harry Wickling & Co.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

PEAK CHURCH.

The Annual Meeting of Wor-

shippers at the Peak Church will

be held in the Cathedral Hall on

Friday, May 16th, 1927, at 5.30

p.m.

H. COPLEY MOYLE,

Hon. Secretary.

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NOTICE.

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day been authorized to sign for

the Company, "per procuration".

JARDINE, MATHESON

AND CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1927.

THE CANTON INSURANCE

OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-sixth Ordinary Gen-

eral Meeting of Shareholders will

be held at the Offices of the under-

signed on Tuesday, the 17th May,

1927, at Noon, for the purpose of

receiving the Report of the Gen-

eral Agents, together with a state-

ment of Accounts for the year

ended the 31st December 1926.

The Share Register and Trans-

fer Books will be closed from the

3rd to the 17th May 1927, both

days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON AND

COMPANY LIMITED.

General Agents.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1927.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Third Extra Race Meeting

will be held (weather permitting)

at Happy Valley on Saturday, 7th

May, 1927, commencing at 2.30

p.m. The first bell will be rung

at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the

Public Enclosure will be \$1- for

all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform

half price.

Members are advised that they

must show their Badges to obtain

admission to the Members' En-

closure.

Each member has the right to

introduce 2 non-members to the

Members' Enclosure, tickets for

whom can be obtained from

Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5-

each up to Friday, 6th May, 1927.

The charge for admission for

Ladies to the Members' Enclosure

will be \$2- Each member can ob-

tain, upon application to the Sec-

retary, Badges for admission of

2 Ladies free of charge.

THE HONGKONG LAND

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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY

GENERAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that an

Extraordinary General Meeting of

the above named Company will be

held at the Board Room of Messrs.

Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. No.

18 Pedder Street, Victoria in the

Colony of Hongkong on the 10th

day of May next at 12 o'clock

noon for considering and, if

thought fit, passing the sub-joined

Resolution as an Ordinary Reso-

lution.

That this meeting authorises

the Directors to pay to the Exe-

cutor of the late Sir Catchick

Paul Chater, C.M.G. the "Man-

aging Director's fees in sus-

pense" shown in the Company's

last Balance Sheet, which rep-

resent the proportion, calcu-

lated up to the date of his death,

of the remuneration to which

the deceased would have be-

come entitled, if he had survived

to the end of the year, under

Article No. 95 (B) of the

Articles of Association.

By Order of the Board of

Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1927.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

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The Undersigned have received

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One Cottage Piano by John

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Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, MAY 3 1927.

RIGHT AND WRONG
POLICIES.

The opinion of "Putnam Weale"
(Mr. W. Lennox Simpson) that
some outside action is urgently im-
perative in the Yangtze zone if
foreign and Chinese trade is to be
saved from utter ruin will be shared
by many, especially when he
asserts, after a personal visit to
Hankow, that there is now no Na-
tionalist group in Hankow capable
of forming a Government. It has
been impossible of late to avoid the
conclusion that there has been a
lot of shilly-shallying between the
Powers on the subject of the Nan-
king Note and that, owing to the
pusillanimous attitude of certain
Powers much time and prestige is
being lost as regards the present-
ation of a second Note. The first
communications addressed to Han-
kow were supposed to have gained
in force by reason of the fact that
they gave no time limit for com-
pliance, but it has since been dis-
covered that the omission of a
time limit was only because the
five Great Powers concerned were
not unanimous regarding what ac-
tion, if any, should be taken in the
event of non-compliance. It is
now manifest that the differences
have not been bridged and that
certain of the Governments are
averse to taking any action what-
ever. That is, we think, a wrong
attitude, and it may be that Brit-
tain will once again have to as-
sume the responsibility of acting
on her own—a responsibility which
we trust the Home Government
will not shrink, even though Britain
were for a while to bear the
obloquy of a lone action. We are
convinced that there will not be
respect for foreign lives, property,
or treaties along the Yangtze and
in other parts of China until the
foreign Powers have shown suf-
ficient self-respect to insist on what
are their fundamental rights.

If we look at what has happen-
ed in the case of Japan at Hankow
we find that firmness has been re-
warded with friendship. The
Japanese refused to surrender their
Concession and made it a fortified
and defended citadel against Chin-
ese mob elements, and one result,
as told in a telegram over the week-
end, is that Japanese shops and
cotton factories are re-opening and
thousands of Chinese workers in
Japanese factories are returning.
Self-respect is being respected and
we would go so far as to say that
the British Government, in view
of the broken Hankow Agreement,
should take back the British Con-
cession at Hankow and re-take

their Concessions elsewhere and in-
sist on the proper observance of
all the old Treaty rights. People
are already forgetting Nanking
and, as time passes, will get into
the habit of thinking that every-
thing there is all right. But it is
not, and the conditions that exist
there, as well as at Kukiang and
Hankow, are a disgrace and an in-
sult to British prestige. Consuls
have no abode on shore and Brit-
ish nationals are as fugitives.
The day is not so long since when
an insult to the British flag in any
part of the world would have
brought a smart reminder to the
culprit, but now, here in China,
British nationals can be murder-
ed, houses can be looted, women
outraged and even British war-
ships can be fired on without any-
thing adequate being done to check
such things.

We are not advocates of unneces-
sary force but we are convinced
that in order to bring matters back
to a reasonable orderliness we (the
British) shall have to demonstrate
our power to punish and correct
those who wilfully offend and who
misinterpret friendliness and con-
ciliation as weakness to be exploit-
ed. "Cancer cannot be killed by the
mere application" of an outside
plaster—a surgical operation is
necessary—and we think that the
Powers will make a great mistake
if they favour the plaster of con-
ciliation to the clean cut of insist-
ence. The dulling effect of any
plaster wears off and leaves the
disease just as painful and just as
chronic. The present Chinese anti-
British unrest is a political dis-
ease, and it needs a drastic cure.
Mr. "Putnam Weale's" suggestion
to occupy the Yangtze from the
sea to Hankow would not be a bad
beginning.

Water Supplies.

It is interesting to note from a
news item we reproduced yester-
day that the artesian wells at
Manila are likely to be superseded,
as means of supplying the city
with water, by a filtration system
run from reservoirs. The idea of
well-water for drinking purposes
usually conjures up visions of im-
purity, and the nervous will hesi-
tate to risk what they may imagine
would possibly be typhoid-laden
supplies. That is true of certain
types of wells, but the visitor to
Manila is soon reassured on find-
ing that the city is supplied from
an artesian system that has every
precaution against infection or
contamination of any kind, and the
result is ample water that is quite
fit to drink. There is, of course,
a slightly peculiar taste that the
newcomer does not fail to remark,
owing to the presence of lime salts,
the underlying strata of the island
consisting largely of limestone.
But this is soon forgotten, and,
as the writer heard one resident
observe, it lends a special flavour
to whisky and water! Be that as
it may, it has to be admitted that
for a big, expanding, seaport, prop-
er reservoir and filtration sys-
tems are the best. The question
of private artesian wells also
arises, but that is more a matter
for municipal decision. Apparent-
ly, the idea underlying the reform
proposed at Manila is cheapness,
and precaution against occasional
contamination in areas where
carelessness is permitted to exist.
As purity of a city water supply
is the ideal always to be aimed at,
the change is not too early by
any means. Artesian wells have
one great advantage—they are not
entirely dependent on the amount
of rainfall. Manila can no doubt
retain her existing wells as a re-
serve in times of drought. In
that she is more fortunate than
Hongkong.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.03
Berlin	20.50
Oslo	18.77 1/2
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Athens	362 1/2
Buenos Aires	47.19/32
Hongkong	2/0 3/4
New York	4.85 1/4
Amsterdam	12.13 1/2
Stockholm	18.16
Vienna	34.63 1/2
Madrid	27.41 1/2
Bucharest	7.65
Dombay	1/5.55/64
Yokohama	1/11.11/16
Geneva	25.25
Milan	94.11/16
Copenhagen	18.21
Prague	193 1/2
Lisbon	2.17/32
Rio	5.27/32
Shanghai	2/6 1/2
Silver (spot)	25 1/2
Silver (forward)	25 1/2

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

IN GENERAL, THE FOUNDATIONS OF
A HAPPY OLD AGE MUST BE LAID, IN
YOUTH.

The P. and O. s.s. Kidderpore,
from Shanghai, is due here about
daylight to-morrow.

The annual dinner of the Hong-
kong Football Club fixed for Satur-
day next, has been postponed.

The weather forecast up till
noon to-morrow, as issued by the
Royal Observatory, is: "North-
east winds, moderate; overcast at
first, finer later."

Mr. M. A. Grant, a missionary,
living at No. 59, Saikong Road,
Kowloon City, yesterday reported
to the police theft of \$75 in notes,
from a jacket left in the bathroom.

The Kowloon Fire Brigade was
called to Woosung Street yester-
day, where a car parked outside
the Chung King Restaurant, had
caught fire. Damage was done to
the radiator and the engine before
the fire was put out by the fire-
men.

On returning to his office yester-
day morning, Mr. D. Davies,
of the Sanitary Department, found
his telephone missing from his
desk. It appears that overnight a
thief had severed the wires and
carried away the telephone in its
entirety.

By permission of Commander
Clover, of H.M.S. Dragon, the
Dragon Concert Party will give an
entertainment for the Services at
the "Cheero" Naval and Military
Y.M.C.A., Chater Road, to-morrow
evening. The party will introduce
themselves at 6.30 p.m.

The Hongkong Cricket Club has
arranged that exhibition tennis
matches be played on behalf of the
Hongkong Women's Guild and
Ministering Children's League, on
Wednesday, May 11, commencing
at 4 p.m. Many leading local play-
ers have consented to take part.

Overhaste in alighting from a
tram car before it had come to a
stop in Des Voeux Road Central,
yesterday, brought about an acci-
dent to a Chinese female passen-
ger. She fell on her head, and
was removed in an unconscious
condition to the Government Civil
Hospital.

The return issued officially of
the number of Chinese passengers
who arrived and departed during
the week ended April 24, shows
35,873 arrivals and 25,841 depart-
ures, by river steamers; and 9,773
and 8,946, respectively by ocean-
going vessels. The excess of
arrivals in the Colony was thus
approximately 11,000.

The latest issue of the "Red
Triangle," the organ of the Kow-
loon Y.M.C.A., is a bright number,
with several features of interest
here, including the commencement
of a series on "Rites and Cere-
monies of Chinese Weddings,"
which is illustrated. The contri-
buted articles and reviews follow
the standard already set.

A Chinese girl living at No. 9,
College View, was attacked and
bitten severely in the arms and
legs by a chow dog near her home
on Sunday. The girl was taken
to the Government Civil Hospital
for treatment, while the police,
on receiving a report of the case, in-
stituted a search for the dog, but
it has not yet been found.

The "Chinese Economic
Journal" for April appeals with a
wide selection of matter, of which
an article on "Dyeing and Dye-
stuffs in China," illustrated with
drawings of the plants considered,
is particularly valuable. A contri-
bution on the disposal of
China's Customs Surplus is also
worthy of special mention. It is
altogether an issue full of interest.

The return of rainfall recorded
at the Botanic Gardens during last
month, issued to us by courtesy
of Mr. H. Green, the Superintendent,
shows that the total for the
month was 8.08 inches, the
heaviest fall being on April 20,
when 2.75 inches were recorded.
There were 14 days on which no
rain fell, a dry spell of over a
week near the end of the month
following a wet three weeks.

A local vernacular paper this
morning states that the Wai Fung
Bank, newly organised, will be
opened soon in 25, Des Voeux
Road, Central, with both Chinese
and British capital, the sub-
scribers including Messrs. I.
Brewer, barrister-at-law (who will
be the chairman of the board of
directors) Chow Shing Cho, a Can-
ton banker, Pun Dick Wan, a Ma-
cao merchant, Lee Tang-sang,
Chow Kwan-ming, Yew Kean-man
and Chung Tat-chew. The latter
four are Hongkong merchants.
Branch offices will also be opened
in the near future in Canton,
Shanghai, the Straits Settlements,
Siam and Java, the report adds.

CANTON INSURANCE
OFFICE.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of the General
Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Math-
eson) which is to be presented at
the ordinary meeting of the Can-
ton Insurance Office, Limited,
which is to take place on May 17th,
states:

The General Agents and Con-
sulting Committee have pleasure
in submitting a statement of the
affairs of the Office made up to
31st December, 1926, in Sterling
and Hongkong currency.

1925 Account.—After paying a
interim dividend of \$18 per share
on 18th May, 1926, the amount
standing to the credit of this
Account is \$674,362.81.

This is resolved to deal with
in the following manner:—To pay
a final dividend of \$22 per share,
\$220,000; and to add to Under-
writing Suspense Account to close
the year 1925, \$454,362.81.

1926 Account.—The amount
standing at credit of this Account
is \$2,351,296.94. Out of this the
General Agents and Consulting
Committee have declared an
interim dividend of \$18 per share
amounting to \$180,000. The balance
of \$2,171,296.94 will be carried
forward.

Consulting Committee.—The
General Agents regret to have to
record the death of Sir C. P.
Chater, C.M.G., who has been
actively interested in this Com-
pany since 1891 in the capacity of
a member of the Consulting Com-
mittee. Sir Robert Ho Tung,
Messrs. A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar,
A. S. Gubbay, Henry Humphreys,
T. E. Pearce and H. P. White re-
tire but, being eligible, offer them-
selves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have
been audited by Messrs. Lowe,
Bingham and Matthews and Percy
Smith, Seth and Fleming who,
being eligible, offer themselves for
re-election.

CHINA PROVIDENTS.

NETT DEFICIT OF NEARLY
\$3,000,000.

The report of the Directors of
the China Provident, Loan and
Mortgage Company, Limited,
which is to be presented at the
ordinary annual meeting to be
held at noon on Saturday, May
14th, states:

After inclusion of all expendi-
ture incurred in connexion with
the investigation of the Company's
affairs, amounting to \$23,908.58
over and above the Reserve pre-
viously created, and the omission
of interest on loans amounting to
\$135,831.77 the recovery of which
is considered doubtful, the year's
working shows a loss of \$74,700.37.

The following adjustment is
considered necessary:—Transfer
to Reserve for Bad and Doubtful
Loans \$223,423.13, creating a
Debit Balance of \$298,123.50,
which, together with the balance
(adjusted at the Annual General
Meeting held on 12th November,
1926) from last year's account,
leaves a nett deficit of \$2,981,235.

Directors.—Messrs. A. L. Alves
and T. B. Wilson have been invited
to join the Board, and their
appointment requires your con-
firmation. Under the Articles of
Association Sir Robert Ho Tung
and Mr. C. B. Brooke retire, but
being eligible, offer themselves for
re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have
been audited by Messrs. Linstead
and Davis and Messrs. Percy
Smith, Seth and Fleming, who
offer themselves for re-election.

PEAK TRAM.

OFFICIAL TESTS THIS
MORNING.

As was notified, the new cars
of the Peak Tramway were again
tested this morning for braking
efficiency, the service being sus-
pended from 9.30 onwards.

During the testing operations,
the haulage cable became twisted,
and it was found impossible to
resume the service at 12.30 as was
anticipated. When we enquired
at fifteen minutes, we were informed
that it was expected to get the
service running again soon.

An overdose of opium, self-ad-
ministered it is thought, has caus-
ed the death in Hospital of a Chin-
ese. Early yesterday morning the
man was found in his cubicle at
No. 6, Yee On Terrace, in a very
sick condition and almost uncon-
scious. He was removed to the
Government Civil Hospital, where
he died a few hours later.

The second annual athletic meet-
ing of the Wah Yan College will
be held on the I.K.F.C. ground,
Happy Valley, to-morrow, com-
mencing at 1 p.m. Mr. E. Ralphs
will afterwards distribute the
prizes.

The Very Idea!

The dealer in antiques was
showing an old violin to a prob-
able buyer.

"Yes," he said, "This is of great
historical interest, being the
identical fiddle Nero played while
Rome was burning."

"What?" gasped the customer,
"That is a myth."

"Yes, it is," came the ready
reply "and Myth's name was on it,
but it has got worn off."

It affects me so
I'm almost flighty
To hear a girl say—
"Nightie, nightie."

Nicknamed the "Butterfly King"
owing to his hobby of collecting
butterflies and moths, Albert
Edward Barlow, a Worthing rail-
way porter, has died at the age
of 48. He had a collection of in-
sects numbering between 4,000
and 5,000 gathered from all parts
of the world, which he arranged
in artistic designs. The collec-
tion is undoubtedly one of the
finest in the country.

Wife at the Thames Court: My
husband does not give me
sufficient money. Mr. Cairns,
magistrate: No husband does or
ever did.

Midland woman: I could not
see anything because I was
screaming!

Woman accused of drunkenness
at Highgate: I had rheumatism.
Magistrate: But rheumatism do
not make you drunk. Woman:
They made me drink.

From the "Fudge" column of
an Edinburgh evening paper:—

TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Shanghai Alarm:
French Concession Shelled.
Grief-Mad Father's Crime:
Terrible Story at Inquest.

Shots In A Villa:
Jail For Edinburgh Doctor.
Murder In A Train:
Girl's Sweetheart Arrested

"Only Mad In Love":
Story Of Ex-Soldier's Suicide.
Who can blame us if we are
becoming a nation of pessimists?

Further gleanings from the
classroom:—
The heart is a comical shaped
bag, divided into four parts by a
fleshy partition.
In some rocks there are to be
found the fossil footprints of
fishes.

The two chief volcanoes in
Europe are Sodom and Gomorrah.
During the Napoleonic wars
crowned heads were trembling in
their shoes.

In "Vanities and Vicissitudes,"
Mr. Ralph Nevill has a chapter
devoted to the gambling habit.
He says that many gamblers are
highly superstitious. It used to
be said that the clergyman of the
English Church at Monte Carlo
had to cease giving out hymns
under number 36 because members
of his congregation noted down
numbers at roulette.

Roysterer, finding his way home,
stands outside an undertaker's
office, contemplating wreaths under
glass case in the window. He goes
in.

"Gives a tuppenny pie."
"A what?" exclaims the under-
taker's lady assistant.

"A tuppenny pie."
"But this is not a baker's shop.
This is an undertaker's."
"Then what the blazes dae ye
keep bridesakes in the windy
for?"

Take care of the children and
the country will take care of it-
self.—The Duke of York.

The Prohibition Act has saved
hundreds and hundreds of young
men and women.—Sir E. Wild.
We have steadfastly pursued the
same policy which, summed up in
one word, is peace.—Sir A. Cham-
berlain.

Mr. H. G. Wells, who might be
called the President of the Cranks,
has now become a sour critic of
what is being done in the air.—
Earl Winterston.

Old head (endeavouring to say
something pleasant to minister who
is leaving the church after many
years' service)—"Weel sir, a mind
ye cam' unanimous, an' a' may say
ye'll gang unanimous."

Passengers arriving from Manila
by s.s. President Jefferson in-
cluded Mr. E. W. Macready. Through
passengers for Shanghai included
Mrs. J. Patterson, while Mr. and
Mrs. J. C. Russell and family
were en route for Kobe. For
Seattle, there were Lieut. Comdr.
and Mrs. V. S. Armstrong, Lieut.
A. R. and Mrs. Harris, and Mr.
R. A. Heacock.



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NANKING EDICT.

A PROCLAMATION BY CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

"WAR ON IMPERIALISM."

The following is the text of a proclamation by General Chiang Kai-shek's new government at Nanking:

At the present time when the revolution of the people is taking a rapid development, and when the people are hoping eagerly for the complete realization of the aims of the revolution, the Nationalist Government, in accordance with the wish of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and with the opinion of the majority of members of the Kuomintang, and also based on the resolution of the Central Executive Committee, was formally moved from Wuchang to Nanking on April 18, 1927. The reasons for this measure are obvious. From the points of view of the general welfare of the Party, of political expediency, of military strategy, and of geographical convenience, Nanking occupies a much more important position than Wuchang.

Foreign Troops Pilloried.

In the midst of the wave of revived imperialism, made still more dangerous to the Nationalist movement of China through such instrumentalities as foreign troops, compradors, etc., coupled with the destructive machinations of the Communist Party which have proved disastrous to the revolutionary cause the responsibility of the Nationalist Government has become more extensive and heavy. But at this critical moment there is, as has always been, one course of action open to the Government, and that is continually to follow the principles laid down by Dr. Sun and to execute the policies of the Party.

Way to the New World.

On the one hand, while the Government is bringing all the nation's revolutionary elements under the Party's Three People's Principle, so as to make concerted action possible, on the other hand, it aims at the uprooting of all foreign imperialism, militarism, and other anti-revolutionary movements. The convening of a People's Congress, the abrogation of unequal treaties, and the execution of the Three People's Principle and the other matters which the Government is striving to bring about within the shortest possible period. In order to enable China to become an independent nation, and the Chinese to become a free people possessing a government, for the people, of the people and by the people, the Three People's Principle will necessarily have to be carried out in full. It is not only China's sole means of salvation, but also the way to a new world.

The Anti-Revolutionaries.

The Government, therefore, seeks the thorough execution of this principle and cannot but regard those opposed to it as well as those opposed to the Nationalist Movement with the purpose of creating class distinctions, as anti-revolutionary. The Government has faithfully pledged itself to the principles laid down by Dr. Sun, to the preservation of the Party, and to the salvation of China, and has assumed the full responsibility of putting an end to all obstacles to the complete realization of its policies.

Such revolutionary principles are: first, a close co-operation between the people and the army; secondly, the establishment of an honest and clean Government; thirdly, the promoting and protecting of China's industries; and fourthly, the consolidating of organized agriculture and labour and assistance in its extension. These are the declared policies of the Nationalist Government which will be carried out accordingly.

Destroy "Imperialism" from Abroad.

The Government, therefore, calls upon its military commanders, leaders, and the whole nation to purge the territory now under its jurisdiction of all anti-revolutionary elements in order to solidify its organization, to unify law and to maintain order, to unite in one with the express purpose of carrying out the Three People's Principle under the direction of the Party. Those opposed to the principle must be extinguished and the misguided elements have no excuse for being anti-revolutionary and the misguided may be brought to their proper places.

Let the Three People's Principle be the guiding principle of the Government. Let it pave the way for a new world. Make this Government the real government of the people. May the strength of the Revolutionary army destroy imperialism from abroad and do away with militarism and anti-revolutionists at home. May the Nationalist Government in the shortest possible time accomplish this mighty task.

LABOUR OPPOSITION EXPRESSED.

EXCITED DEBATE ON TRADES UNION BILL.

BATTERY OF INTERRUPTION.

London, May 2.

Excitement over the Trades Unions Bill was reflected in a crowded House of Commons, when the Attorney General, Sir D. M. Hogg, moved the second reading.

He emphasised that while the Government were willing to consider amendments, remove ambiguities, and eliminate defects, they would resist to the utmost any amendments designed to defeat the main principles of the Bill, which they regarded as right, just, and necessary.

There were frequent Labour interjections, notably when Sir D. M. Hogg referred to the general strike, but the Speaker's firm tactfulness prevented unruliness. Sir D. M. Hogg declared that the Government regarded the inclusion of lock-outs in the Bill as useless and inept, because a general lock-out was unlikely to happen, but in the event of the employers being so foolish as to attempt to coerce the State or the Government, the right course would seem to be not to fine or imprison the directors, but to use the existing Emergency Powers Act and take possession of the works and run them. (Labourite laughter and ironical cheers). Nevertheless, if a case could be made out, even to prevent misrepresentation and misconception, the Government would not object to lock-outs being included with strikes in the Bill.

Sir D. M. Hogg further declared that a large section of the Labourites still pinned their faith on a general strike as a weapon, therefore it was the Government's bounden duty to make it clear that a general strike was illegal, and any participant therein committed a crime against the community.

Labour Member Turned Out.

Labour interruptions culminated in the Speaker ordering Mr. Jack Jones to withdraw from the House during to-day's sitting, and the Speaker also cautioned several other Labour members.

Sir D. M. Hogg concluded a two hours' speech amid a battery of interruptions, Opposition groans and Ministerial cheers.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, who replaced Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (in hospital in Philadelphia suffering from bronchitis), was given an ovation on rising to move the rejection of the measure. He said that while he did not believe in the policy of a general strike, he regarded the present Bill as a calculated and deliberate act of class hostility. He declared that when Labour returned to office it would be its duty to repeal the act. The workers would insist on the right of the masses of them to exercise full freedom, whether Government employees or not and sell or withhold their labour as they chose or objected.

The Bill would erect a great and perhaps an insuperable barrier of uncertainty and doubt in the minds of the trades union leaders as to when it would be legal for them to take action. He further declared the Bill denied the right of bodies of workmen to act sympathetically towards each other.

"Wastrels, Robbers, Blackguards."

The Liberal's attitude towards the Bill was voiced by the Hon. E. A. St. A. Harney who condemned it as a scrappy, superficial and biased Bill, which appeared to be directed against all strikes.

There was another lively scene, when Mr. Tom Griffiths, the Labourite, denounced at a remark by a Conservative, and stalked out of the House angrily shouting "Wastrels, robbers, thieves, blackguards!" amid laughter.

Sir Henry Slesser (Labour) in the course of a detailed criticism dwelt on the alleged provisions aimed at the prohibition of all strikes and everything connected therewith.

A Labour Supporter.

Mr. George Spencer, recently expelled from the Labour Party owing to his negotiating district settlements during the coal strike, supported the Bill, expressing the opinion that it was in the best interests of trade unionism.

He said he believed it would particularly assist the Labour Party because it would curb the activities of the fomenters of disturbance, especially when Labour returned to power. This speech evoked Ministerial cheers.

The debate was later adjourned. —*Reuter.*

JAPAN'S POLICY.

GOVERNMENT'S DRIFT RESENTED.

DEMAND FOR INTERVENTION.

Tokyo, April 12.

The Japanese nation has been deeply impressed by the affronts inflicted on Japanese nationals and the Japanese flag in Nanking and it is becoming daily more and more evident that a powerful section desires an end to the policy of "drift" which is another of the names that has been bestowed on the Foreign Minister's non-interference policy, and a recourse to stern measures. The alarming extent to which Bolshevism has infiltrated into the ranks of the Kuomintang and the gradual grip by the tentacles of Communism on China also are important factors now making the Japanese realize that the Communist peril in China is a very real one and that it may, if allowed to grow unchecked, have ugly repercussions on Japanese enterprises in China, on Korea, on Manchuria and even on Japan Proper. The sudden Sino-Russian clash and the challenge to the Soviet by Marshal Chang Tso-fu are causing apprehension in Japan as to whether this may not precipitate an international crisis, and the tone of public opinion has taken a sharp turn for a stronger and more effective China policy.

The War Department is particularly anxious that the policy of drift of Baron Shidehara should be abolished and, two days before the raid on the Soviet Embassy at Peking, the War Minister (General Ugaki) declared that all signs were pointing to a serious international crisis on the Asiatic continent. This statement was made at a special Cabinet meeting and the War Minister also took the opportunity of criticizing the Foreign Minister's belief that Manchuria would not be threatened by the Communist blight. "On the contrary," said the War Minister, "I am of the opinion that all North China is threatened by Communism."

Newspaper Comment.

Indications that the War Office, and that powerful section which thinks alike with the War Office, desire drastic action are to be seen in the publication of two articles by the "Yorodzu." The "Yorodzu" is regarded as a War Office organ and the first of the articles, written in the shape of an address to the soldiers of the Imperial Japan Army and signed "Oshima" is believed to be the work of a high military officer. The article was headed: "Stand Up Brave Soldiers and Fight!" and asked how much longer the Army was going to suffer the indecision of the Government.

"The Bellicose Professor."

The second article was written by Dr. Shin Ninagawa, one of the "seven bellicose professors" who, two score years ago, demanded war with Russia. Summarized, it follows:

"The Government's non-intervention policy is ridiculous. If Japan is content merely to look on when her national prestige is flouted, then those who agree with such a policy are guilty of high treason. The outrages at Nanking and Hankow are not sudden ebullitions, but are the work of an organized Government. There is no room, no justification, no logical defence for continuing the non-intervention policy longer. During the Siberian expedition, Japan spent over 600 million yen to save 3,000 Japanese nationals. To-day the lives and businesses of over 150,000 Japanese are imperilled in China, not to mention vast investments. Is non-intervention then feasible? Are the Japanese merely to be repatriated and their business to be abandoned to the tender mercies of coolie soldiers, robbers, and bandits? Japan will never be able to build up these interests again if they are once destroyed totally. It will, any way, cost much bloodshed and billions of yen. Let us cease this non-sensical non-intervention policy and uphold the respect and prestige of the Empire."

Suspicion of Radicals.

Other articles have appeared accusing Japanese radicals of attempting to enter into an understanding with the Chinese Communists. These radical Japanese, states one article, are trying to Bolshevize the Orient and, with their Chinese compatriots, may succeed, unless proper measures are taken in good time. The article concludes by warning Socialists and Communists in Japan that there are "indignant patriots who may make up their minds to end the Socialist agitation and treachery once for all, even if this may cost the lives of the said patriots." This concluding sentence is regarded as tantamount to instigating assassination, as was the case

BALKAN WAR CLOUDS.

BRITAIN AIDS IN KEEPING PEACE.

London, May 2.

As the result of a communication made by the Italian Government to the British, French, German and other Governments, on March 19, in which our attention was called to certain military preparations stated to be proceeding in Yugoslavia, it has been decided that it is unnecessary, and would indeed be useless at this date, to conduct an enquiry into the past, but that should a fresh occasion arise while the conversations are in progress, representatives of Great Britain, France and Germany are to be available to carry out an immediate enquiry.

Sir Austen Chamberlain stated, "I need not say that throughout I have acted in agreement with the French and German, as well as with the Italian and Serbo-Croatian Governments, to arrive at a solution, which I am confident is required by both the Italian and Yugoslav Governments, and this has been to dissipate any possible source of friction and the promotion of full discussions between Rome and Belgrade. The British Government have no other interest in the question than the preservation of peace." —*British Wireless.*

EUROPEAN WOMEN ASSAULTED.

PART CONDONATION IN EGYPT.

London, May 2.

Answering a question in the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain expressed regret that it had been necessary for the British High Commissioner to call the serious attention of the Egyptian Government to sentences passed by the Egyptian Commission on Egyptian subjects connected with assaults on European women.

During 1926, he said, there was a number of cases of such assaults on British subjects, and recently a similar assault was perpetrated on a European lady of other nationality, in peculiarly brutal circumstances. The sentences imposed by the Egyptian courts in these cases were, in most instances, the minimum prescribed by law, and had proved inadequate as a deterrent.

The reply of the Egyptian Government to Lord Lloyd's representations, which have received the approval of His Majesty's Government, had not yet been received. —*British Wireless.*

following the great earthquake of 1923. The police, however, have not seen fit to interfere.

The policy of the Government, however, still continues to enjoy considerable support, but, as day succeeds day, and as more and more detailed reports come in of outrages in the hinterland and of the increasing dangers through Communism, public opinion is slowly veering towards advocating sterner measures.



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THEFT AND MURDER IN HUNAN.

FORCIBLE OCCUPATION OF FOREIGN BUILDINGS.

LOYAL SERVANTS KILLED.

A correspondent writes that the following items came from Siangtan, Hunan, through Chinese letters:

Since the evacuation of all the Americans from Siangtan, events have moved rapidly. Following the departure of the American and Japanese Consuls, and the big anti-Japanese parades in Changsha it soon became the desire of the People's Party at Siangtan to take over the Community Guild building and equipment. An armed soldier guard and many pickets came on April 11, and asked the secretaries in charge to hand it over. There was a School in over. There was a School going on but that had to be closed and everybody connected with the Guild was compelled to leave after the keys and buildings were handed over. This has been the centre of the Christian work of the Presbyterian church for more than seven years. It has carried on many kinds of social and community service, as well as the activities connected with the Church of Christ in China.

Armed Soldiers and Pickets. The building now is called the People's Recreation House. The People's Party has appointed a committee of 11 members, all of whom were well-known to the Guild, so that no violence was used in taking it over. The General Secretary of the People's Party told the Guild Secretaries that no violence would be used, if they allowed them every opportunity to investigate the premises and aided them in every way possible to take the building. There was nothing else to do. Armed soldiers and pickets were watching the premises even after all the Guild servants and Secretaries had left. The John Miller boys' school building has been borrowed for the Farmers' Union, which is now a very strong organization in the city.

Future Very Dark.

Some of the foreigners leaving the Province had made arrangements with the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank to handle money for them during their absence, but the Bank left soon after the foreigners and some of the deposits were taken away and the Chinese left in a very serious situation. The compradors of the Community Guild was surrounded for a whole day by employees demanding money. The future of Christian work seems very dark in Hunan. There are still groups of believers meeting in private, but nearly all public meetings have had to be withdrawn.

There has been a series of arrests and murders of compradors connected with the foreign firms in Changsha, and the hunting down of many financial leaders in the province. The whole movement is backed by hatred and paying back of old grudges and ancient feuds are restored in new forms, under the People's Union and labour organizations. Business is at a standstill and work of all kinds is much interrupted by holidays and parades. The Christian leaders are working under very difficult conditions and some find it best to withdraw all aggressive Christian activities until the situation becomes more peaceful.



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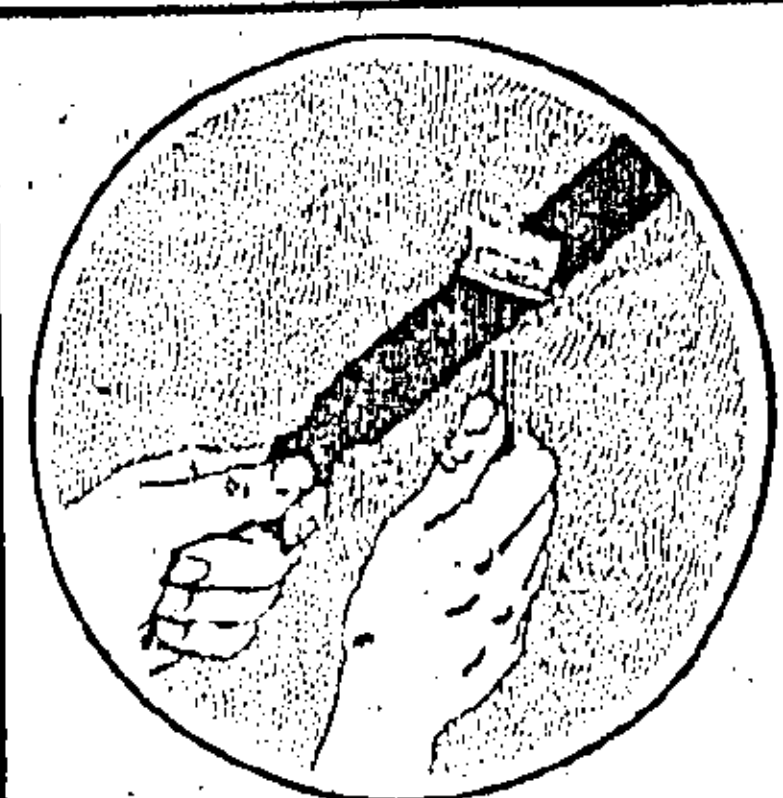
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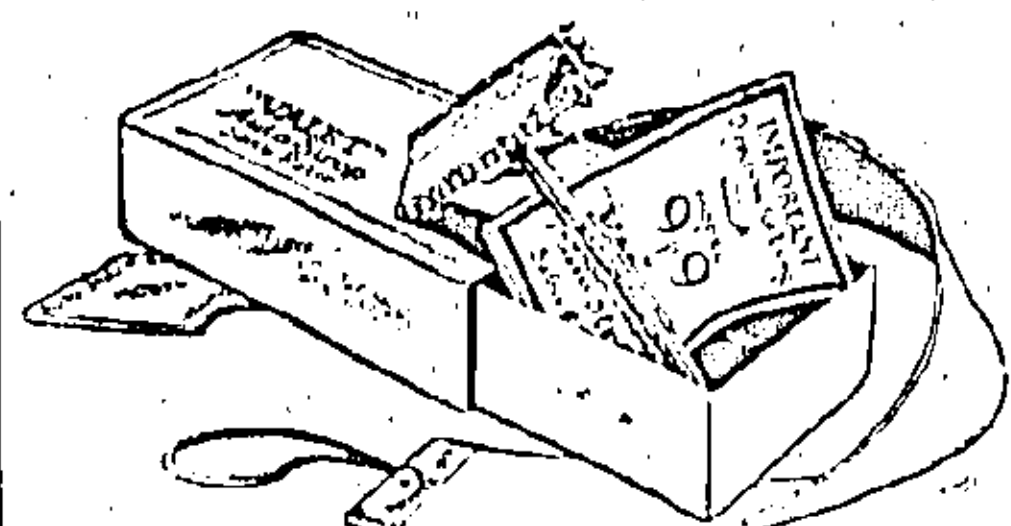
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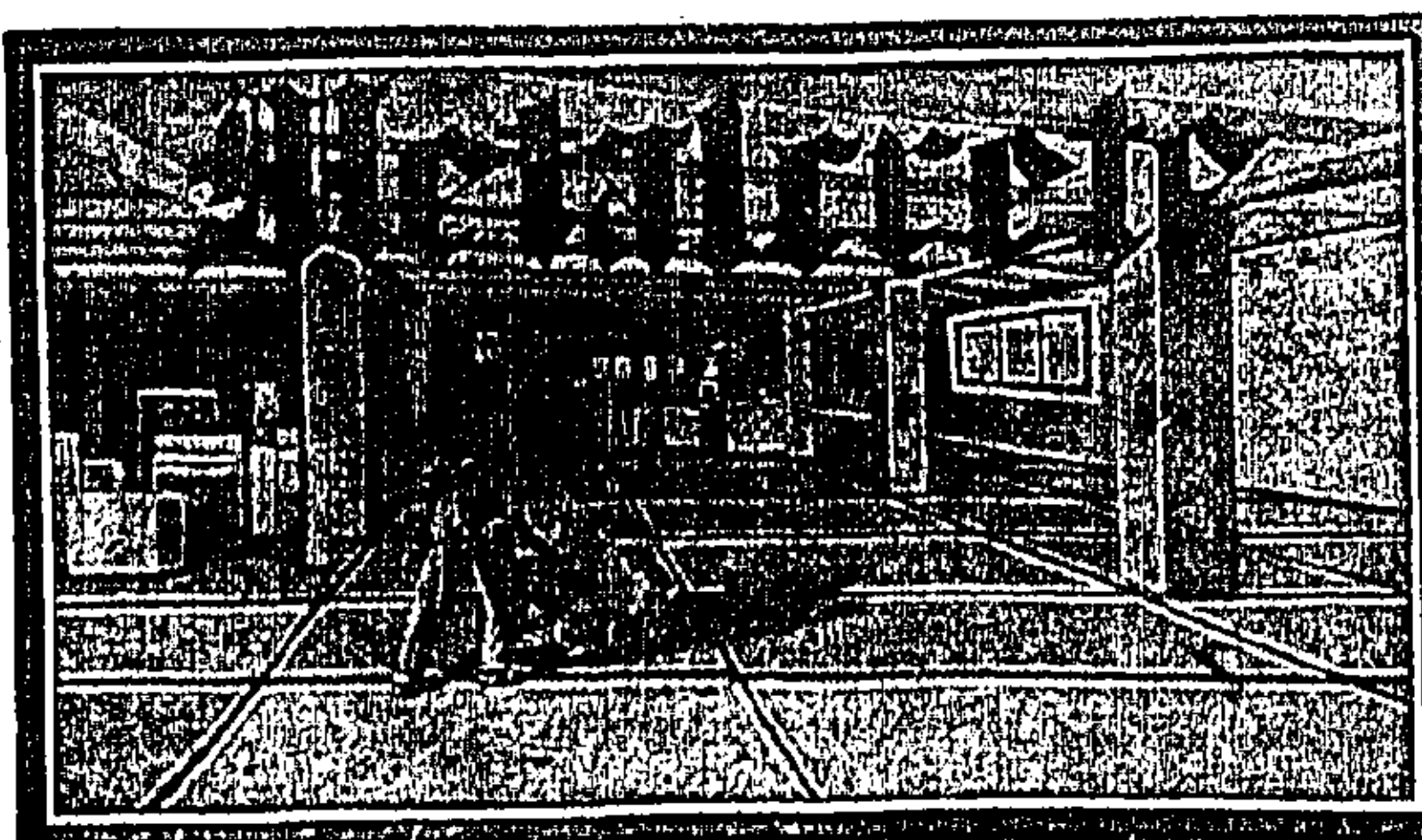


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PROVINCIAL POLICE SYSTEM.

PHILIPPINES SEEKING
CHANGES.

The police commissioner system in vogue in cities of Europe and the United States, with changes to suit local conditions, will be adopted in the Philippines to remedy weaknesses in the local police forces, states the *Manila Bulletin*. Vicente del Rosario, chief of the executive bureau, who conceived the idea sometime ago and proposed it to members of the legislature, is perfecting a plan to make it applicable in the islands.

A Bill is being drafted, Mr. Del Rosario said, to be presented during the coming legislative session. As sponsor of the Bill he is certain of its approval. The Bill was to have been presented last year but there were serious defects which had to be overcome.

According to the plan, a police commissioner will be appointed for every province. He will be given almost complete supervision of the municipal forces but will share control of them with provincial and municipal executive officials. The police commissioner is to pass on and approve the appointment of municipal policemen, giving the municipal boards the right to recommend. He also is to have power to dismiss and suspend policemen in cases of irregularities, misconduct or any grounds giving cause for suspension or dismissal.

The commissioner is to be responsible to the secretary of the interior, who will appoint him, through the executive bureau. The commissioner's principal mission is to assume responsibility for the efficiency and orderliness of the local police organizations. The work of maintaining peace and order is to be placed in the hands of the commissioner and the local executive officials jointly.

Possible Objection.

The imposition of dual loyalty among members of the police force appears to be the most serious objection to the scheme. Another objection is the withdrawal of part of the responsibility for the work of maintaining law and order from local executive officials placing it in the hands of appointees of insular officials. It would reverse the policy of giving local government greater autonomy, it is pointed out.

Mr. Del Rosario said he is trying to evolve a means of overcoming this objection but at any rate, according to him, improvement in the work of the local police organizations by the consequent introduction of efficiency would more than compensate for minor defects.

He said he is constrained to urge this change because of the inefficiency of the local police organizations under present conditions. In inspections recently made in nearby provinces he found policemen entirely neglectful not only in their duties as law officers but also in their personal appearance. This is the result of lack of supervision, he says.

Mr. Del Rosario would not appoint constabulary officers as police commissioners because it arouses petty jealousies among local officials not infrequently leading to trouble, he says. He would have the police commissioners civilians.

HANKOW'S BOGUS NOTES.

ACTION BY GEN. CHIANG
KAI-SHEK.

In the course of a lecture in Nanking on Monday last, Gen. Chiang Kai-shek (according to Chinese press) said that the Nationalist troops belonged to the people and every citizen had the right to supervise their actions. If they acted contrary to the Three Principles of the People, as laid down by the late President Sun Yat-sen, or if they committed violence against the people, Gen. Chiang would appreciate it very much if the people would report such cases to him and he would guarantee that there would be no recurrences.

With reference to the notes issued by the Central Bank of the Nationalist Government, the general continued, steps had been taken to find out the exact number of such notes which had been circulated in Nanking and the Nationalist Government would assume the responsibility of redeeming them. In future, notes issued by the Nanking Nationalist Government would be stamped with the Kiangsu Provincial Seal to distinguish them from the notes issued by the bogus go-

SHANGHAI'S FUTURE.

SOME INTERESTING
SUGGESTIONS.

The following letter has been contributed by Mr. Edward S. Little to the *North China Daily News*, on the subject of Shanghai's future:—

Sir,—The Chinese have been given a complete and unfettered opportunity to show how they can govern modern and civilized communities at Hankow and Kiukiang. They have utterly failed to make good, and have demonstrated to the world their incompetency.

In the Provisional Court they have an opportunity afforded them under the most favourable conditions possible to show how far they are competent to dispense justice to Westerners. The daily records of this institution bear record on every page of their inability to even approximate modern standards. If such restraints are now apparent were withdrawn it is clear the Court would sink to the level of the ordinary Chinese courts, which may suit Chinese taste and standards but which most assuredly do not conform to the practice and procedure customary to liberty-loving foreigners used to higher standards of the administration of justice.

The arguments derived from these actual present-day experiences are incontrovertible against the handing over of Shanghai to Chinese administration. Certain of the hot-headed agitators and those who would like to get their fingers on Shanghai Municipal revenues, as they have done on the Chinese labour unions and other organizations where they can plunder any till, will be most vociferous. Not the slightest attention need be paid to these vociferous pests.

The Shanghai Municipality should now be enlarged to include all the territory within 15 miles of the Custom House on the Bund. This area would take in Chapel, Nantao, Pootung, Woosung and many other places.

The present Municipal Council should be enlarged to say 30 persons of whom 14 should be Chinese: all of whom should be elected in the same way and at the same time and possess the necessary qualifications.

The Greater Shanghai should be made into a free or open Port: goods leaving Shanghai would be passed and duty collected at the Custom House as is customary in other open ports.

Chinese sovereignty would be fully respected but no Chinese troops of any part or faction should be permitted to enter the territory with arms or in uniform. The area is to be neutral in every way. The Port would be subject to the National Central Government and not to any provincial administration.

The Provisional Court should be converted into a regular Chinese Court with foreign judges associated with Chinese judges. The foreign judges should be engaged by the Chinese Government for fixed periods of years and no sentence should be passed by the Chinese judges except with the concurrence of their foreign colleagues.

Extraterritoriality for foreigners would still be maintained, but with certain desirable modifications.

Such a scheme as this if carried into effect would very soon make Shanghai far and away the chief city in Asia and as a port would run London, New York and other western cities hard for first place.

The advantages to China would be far greater than to any foreign nation: there need be no loss of Chinese "face" and her dignity and sovereignty would suffer no derogation.

The Powers are now in a position to enforce such a suggestion: in 15 years a revision of the constitution could be made where actual administration revealed defects.—I am, etc.

EDWARD S. LITTLE.
Shanghai, April 27, 1927.

vernment, composed of Communists, at Hankow.

Will Continue to Fight.

In regard to the situation in North Kiangsu, Gen. Chiang said that the Nationalist authorities had formulated plans to continue the expedition against the combined, Allied-Ankuochun forces, Marshals Chang Tsung-chang and Sun Chuan-fang had sent delegates to negotiate terms for an armistice with him but, he continued, "there can be no peace with the Northerners unless Chang Tsung-chang and Sun Chuan-fang relinquish their command. I will continue the fight against them otherwise and, at the same time, I will proceed with my fight against the Communists as well."

LORD BIRKENHEAD'S RESOURCES.

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JOURNALISM.

"For over 30 years I have supplemented my flagging resources by the aid of journalism," said Lord Birkenhead in an address to the Society of Women Journalists, at the Lyceum Club, Piccadilly.

"Anybody who belongs to the great profession of the Press ought legitimately to take a pride in it," he added.

"Its authority and influence have grown incredibly within the 30 years during which I have been engaged in political life. The influence which journalism exercises to-day is one of extraordinary power."

Referring to women in politics, Lord Birkenhead said it might be necessary and wise that every young woman who had reached the age of 21 should be given the power to vote.

He had not frequently conversed with young women of this age on political subjects, so he was not in a position to express any opinion.

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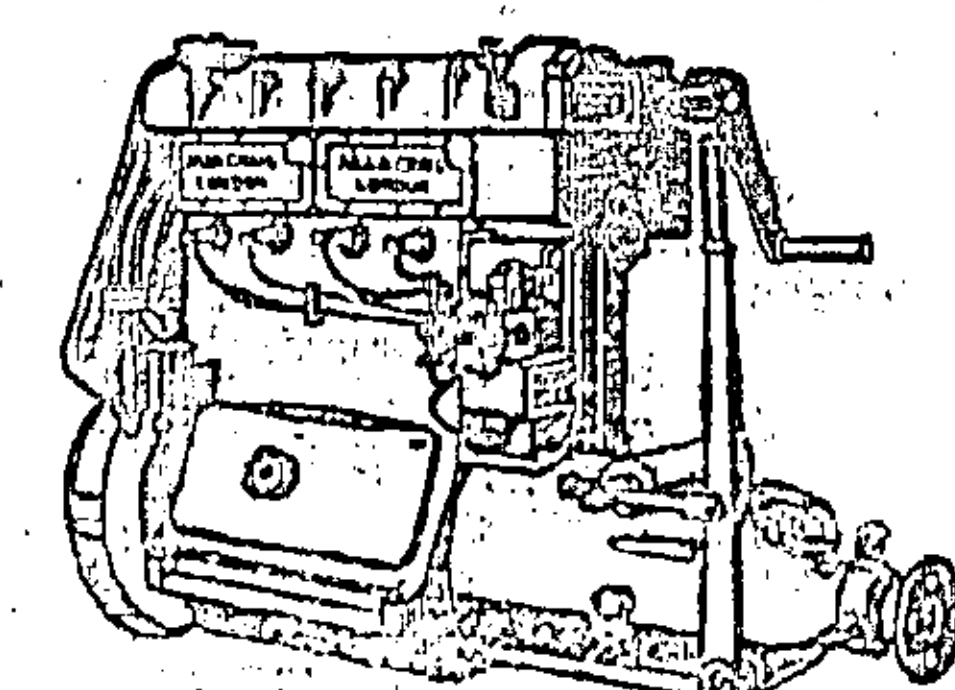
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SHANGHAI RACES.

OPENING DAY OF SPRING MEETING.

The Spring meeting of the Shanghai Race Club opened yesterday at the Race Club, doing the distance in 1 min. 2 1/5 secs. The most successful jockeys were Messrs. Maifland, Poter, Encarnacao and Brand, with 10 wins each. The results were as follows:

Race 1.	
Christmas Chimes (Mr. Brand)	1
Canadian (Mr. Sokoloff)	2
Conit Eve (Mr. Mc Bain)	3
Time: 2 mins. 04 1/5 secs.	
Race 2.	
London (Mr. Crockum)	1
Steeplechase (Mr. Sokoloff)	2
Three Fours (Mr. Brand)	3
Time: 59 2/5 secs.	
Race 3.	
Winter Eve (Mr. Maifland)	1
Yule-Park (Mr. Mc Bain)	2
White Poppy (Mr. Poter Hunt)	3
Time: 1 min. 14 4/5 secs.	
Race 4.	
Jeffrey (Mr. Maifland)	1
On Philippe (Mr. Encarnacao)	2
The Snake Bird (Mr. Brand)	3
Time: 1 min. 30 2/5 secs.	
Race 5.	
New Zealand (Mr. Dallas)	1
Theateroff (Mr. Bremner)	2
Freestone (Mr. Maifland)	3
Time: 2 mins. 36 4/5 secs.	
Race 6.	
Perseus (Mr. Stangland)	1
Limory (Mr. Poter Hunt)	2
Ad Hatter (Mr. Encarnacao)	3
Time: 3 mins. 14 4/5 secs.	
Race 7.	
Abby Cat (Mr. Encarnacao)	1
Capacity (Mr. Maifland)	2
Western Moor (Mr. Poter Hunt)	3
Time: 3 mins. 19 4/5 secs.	
Race 8.	
Morning Flight (Mr. Poter Hunt)	1
Oppyland (Mr. Dallas)	2
The Brambling (Mr. Mc Bain)	3
Time: 2 mins. 03 3/5 secs.	
Race 9.	
Unch (Mr. Encarnacao)	1
Black Sand (Mr. Maifland)	2
The Gannet (Mr. E. Mc Bain)	3
Time: 2 mins. 07 3/5 secs.	
Race 10.	
Arkover (Mr. Poter Hunt)	1
The Innocent Bird (Mr. Brand)	2
AcNab (Mr. Pollock)	3
Time: 1 min. 32 secs.	
Race 11.	
Delight (Mr. Moller)	1
Goodland (Mr. Dallas)	2
Ingcroft (Mr. Bremner)	3
Time: 2 mins. 42 2/5 secs.	
Race 12.	
Farrenfield (Mr. Mc Bain)	1
Armonde (Mr. Crockum)	2
Jeaneagles (Mr. Brand)	3
Time: 1 min. 59 4/5 secs.	
Race 13.	
The Duke (Mr. Brand)	1
Star (Mr. Bremner)	2
Sheroft (Mr. Maifland)	3
Time: 2 mins. 10 1/5 secs.	

JOURNAL IN DISFAVOUR.

CHINA WEEKLY REVIEW AND AMERICAN CHAMBER.

At the annual meeting of members of the American Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai, the Chairman said:—Your board have instructed me to propose a resolution which I find by no means pleasant. Members of this Chamber have viewed with grave concern the trend of editorials in the China Weekly Review, which is a prominent member of the Chamber. The great majority of us cannot subscribe to the line of thought which has been advanced in those editorials, and as it is so opposed to the opinions we hold and as it may be taken, to a certain extent, as expressing American opinion, we thought it advisable to make known that those opinions as expressed in the China Weekly Review do not coincide with ours. We preferred not to take action as a board, as that would only express the opinion of the board, but we preferred to have an expression from the entire membership of the Chamber, and it is for that reason that we are presenting a resolution to this meeting. I now propose the following:

"Whereas it is the opinion of the American Chamber of Commerce, assembled, that, having regard to the adverse criticism published in recent issue of the China Weekly Review concerning measures of local defence, together with the general tone of editorial comment on questions which concern the lives and property and general welfare of American citizens in Shanghai, this Chamber emphatically declares that the present policy of the China Weekly Review appears to be in direct opposition to the opinions and views as held by the members of this Chamber on those matters of such serious and supreme importance, thereby lending aid to disruptive instead of constructive elements. Therefore be it resolved that the China Weekly Review is hereby requested to resign its membership in this Chamber."

The resolution was carried, Mr. Powell protesting.

The N. C. D. News received a statement from Mr. Powell in which the following passage occurs:

"The action of the American Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai in asking the resignation of the China Weekly Review will not result in that magazine tendering its resignation or changing its policy. As I understand the action of the Chamber, it was an expression of disapproval of the policy of the magazine and not a personal matter. I also would point out that it was not an expulsion or a suspension which can only result from dishonourable conduct, with which it was made plain I am in no manner charged. Moreover, the request for my resignation is not compulsory."

ART EXHIBITION.

UNUSUAL DISPLAY OF WATER COLOURS.

Messrs. Komor and Komor, art dealers, have opened their Spring exhibition of Japanese water colours with a wonderful display of pictures of famous artists, among them Yamamoto, Kano, Terauchi, Banson, Kobayachi and other whose signatures are to be found appended to the best products of their kind in Japan.

The exhibition opened with some 200 examples of most beautiful work and in less than 24 hours almost half of them were sold.

Lovers of art would do well to take advantage of this opportunity to view this splendid array while there is a chance. The variety of subjects is entrancing. There is one in particular, No. 58, by Yamamoto "The Umbrella Maker." It is a fascinating piece of water-painting that has rarely been excelled. Another of his paintings is "The Peasant" which is also most realistic.

For marine views the most remarkable is undoubtedly Banson's sea scene. Looking at the picture for a few moments one gets the vivid impression of the undulating of the waves and the drifting across the horizon of the clouds. In fact it is enough to make a poor sailor seasick.

Terauchi also has some remarkable land and seascapes, one in particular, No. 16.

Among the less expensive pictures, many of which range from \$2 up, by the same artists, are some of those vividly painted scenes which delight those who like the more glaring colours of the Far East. These pictures offer an opportunity for the more economical to decorate their homes with real, genuine rich colour drawings by the best Japanese artists.

The exhibition remains open for 10 days only and an early visit is recommended. Some of the pictures sold may remain to the end of the short season but it is expected that the best will be taken by their purchasers, so that those desiring to view the exhibition should do so without delay.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

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Tokyo, May 2.
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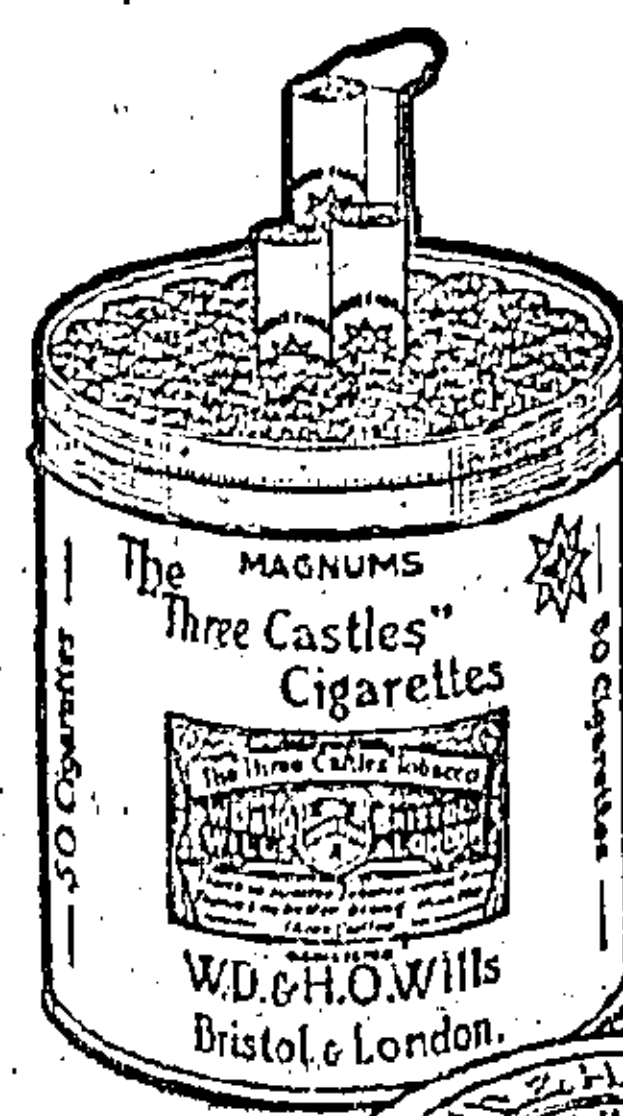
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FALSE NOTES.

MAN WITH AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY.

A ruse employed by a Chinese reporter led to the capture by the Police of a man who is alleged to have an unlimited supply of forged Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's bank notes. The man charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon with possession of one forged \$500 note.

Sub-Inspector F. Shaftain prosecuted and the accused was defended by Mr. G. R. Haywood.

Mr. J. B. Milne of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation said that in his opinion it was a very clever forgery.

Questioned by His Worship Mr. Milne explained that every detail on the note seemed correct excepting that the definition of the note as a whole seemed to be bad. He produced a genuine note and pointed out to His Worship that the lines were very sharp and clear whilst on the forgery the small and thin lines seemed to be blurred. Through a microscope one could see that the numbers on the false note were not in a straight line. The colour of the forged note was just a bit too dark and on the back one could see the same blurring of the sharper lines.

Cross-examination.

Mr. Haywood in rising to cross-examine said that it was extremely difficult to examine an expert witness on such short notice. Mr. Lindsell reminded him that in a case of forgery he must expect the prosecution to bring a witness from the Bank.

Mr. Haywood to witness: Is the paper different in any way? The feel of the paper is entirely different.

Your only objection to that note is that the image is not clearly defined?—That is not the only objection I have.

Mr. Haywood suggested that the lines might be blurred through a fault of the printing machine.

Witness: I am not an expert on lithography, but I can tell that the genuine note is lithographed and that forged one is not.

Mr. Haywood: How do you suggest it was done?—I cannot say. It is a forgery.

Mr. Haywood explained to his Worship that the Chief Justice held that the defence must be brought out at the Magistracy and he was obliged to question this witness rather lengthily.

Reporter's Evidence.

The Chinese reporter deposed that the defendant was introduced to him towards the end of December last year, by a mutual friend. In the middle of February, while he was drinking tea in a shop in Yau-mati he saw defendant, who joined him. They had some conversation together and the defendant informed him that he had some forged notes for sale and asked witness whether he could sell them for him. To this the reporter replied that he had a respectable occupation and did not wish to be mixed up with such business. Before parting, however, out of sheer decency he promised to do something for the defendant.

Chance Meeting.

In reply to his Worship he said he did not go to the Police because he did not have any evidence against the man. He wanted to lead the defendant on, but he made no appointment with him to meet again.

On the March 17, a month after the chance meeting at the tea house, the witness reported the matter at the Labour Maintenance Bureau to a man named Lo Chung-kiu.

Mr. Lindsell expressed surprise at this statement, particularly as the witness had not seen or heard anything of the man after that interview at the tea-house.

On April 25, which was well over two months after the meeting at the tea-house, witness met defendant again on the Star Ferry Wharf on the Hongkong side. Defendant spoke to witness and said that the forged banknotes had already arrived.

Mr. Lindsell: Did he come up and say that without any preliminaries?—Yes. He further enquired whether I had met with any success in regard to marketing the counterfeits.

What else did he say?—He said I could send some friends for the notes if I wanted any.

Witness added that he promised to induce some friends, whereupon the defendant gave him an address in Upper Lascar Row where he could be found. Witness again reported the whole of his interview to a man named Lo Chung-yue, of the Labour Maintenance Bureau, and later at the appointed time he went to the meeting place where he had to wait about

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY.

CHINESE COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court yesterday, a Chinese was committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions on a charge of armed robbery at 8 Yuk Ming Street, first floor, West Point, Sergt. Whant prosecuting.

A married woman gave evidence to the effect that at about 1.15 p.m. on February 15, she was in a rear-cubicle of the house when she heard a knock on the door. Her amah answered it, and returned. Witness then saw two strange men enter, her cubicle, both of whom were carrying knives which they pointed at her. After telling her to keep quiet, they tied her wrists with string, and gagged her with an orange and a handkerchief.

They then pulled out some luggage from under the bed which they ransacked, and also took clothing, some of which belonged to her husband. They took \$4 in money, and removed a gold wrist watch from her wrist by cutting the band.

While they were in the cubicle witness saw a third man draw aside a curtain and look inside, but she did not know him.

She added she did not know the defendant.

The defendant denied the charge, and said the cases had been brought forward with him as the accused because the woman's husband had a grudge against him about some wages.

He was committed for trial, as stated.

An hour before defendant showed up. The defendant then told him to bring his friend to the Yee Fong Lau at Yau-mati if he wanted the notes.

The General.

That night witness went with a man from the Bureau to the Yee Fong Lau. The man who accompanied witness was a man named Wong Ching. Sub-Inspector Shaftain explained that Wong Ching was a brother of General Lo Wing-shu, the head of the Labour Maintenance Bureau.

Mr. Lindsell: Do you call him a General in Hongkong?

Sub-Inspector Shaftain: He is known by that name.

At the meeting at the Yee Fong Lau the defendant produced a forged \$10 note on the Hongkong Bank. Defendant explained to witness and his prospective customer that he could supply any amount of forged notes. Wong Ching then asked the defendant to bring forged notes to the face value of \$1,000, and defendant agreed to supply one \$500 note and fifty \$10 notes. The price was \$45 genuine money for \$100 in forged notes. They were to meet at the Stag Hotel, where the delivery would take place.

The next day witness and the representative from the Labour Maintenance Bureau went to the Stag Hotel and arranged with the police to lie in wait. The defendant turned up and after having some tea with the reporter went upstairs, where he produced a \$500 note and said that the \$10 notes were too bulky to bring across, as the wharf searchers were very vigilant. The \$500 note which he produced came from one of his socks.

French Notes as Well.

When the note was produced, the police, on a pre-arranged signal, came in and arrested the man.

In answer to Sub-Inspector Shaftain, witness said that the defendant had mentioned that he had some forged French notes as well as some "nice" \$500 Hongkong notes.

In answer to Mr. Haywood witness said that he could not understand why defendant should choose to tell him, of all persons, about the forged notes which he had for sale.

Mr. Lindsell: Why should he think you were a scoundrel?—I don't know.

Mr. Haywood: You might have been a policeman or a detective for all he knew?—I had met him before.

Mr. Lindsell: How did he know you dared do such a thing? Why did he confide in you?

Witness made no answer.

Mr. Haywood asked for an adjournment and permission to cross-examine this witness later on.

The case was adjourned until Thursday next at 2.15.

Ball was granted to the defendant in \$5,000 Mr. Lindsell adding that he wanted genuine notes. Mr. Haywood replied that his man could only raise \$200.

COMPANY REPORT.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the fifty-fourth ordinary meeting of the Union Insurance Society, to be held at the society's offices at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 20, says:

The Board has now to lay before the Shareholders a balance sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities of the Society on the 31st December, 1926 and a statement of working accounts.

1925 Account.—After payment of the interim dividend of 24s. per share and the bonus of 20 per cent to contributors passed at the last annual meeting, there remains a balance of £208,055. 15. 4. as per annexed statement.

The Board recommends that a final dividend of 16s. per share and a bonus dividend of 6s. per share on 135,000 shares be paid to shareholders, absorbing £141,750 and that the balance be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the Account for the year 1926.

1926 Account.—The Balance of Working Account on the 31st December, 1926, was £418,245. 11. 10 as per annexed statement.

The Board recommends that an interim dividend of 24s. per share be paid to Shareholders, absorbing £162,000, that a bonus of 20 per cent be paid to Contributors, absorbing about £20,000 and that the remainder be carried forward.

Directors.—Since the last General Meeting, Mr. W. H. Bell joined the Board, and the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. W. L. Patten and Mr. W. H. Bell resigned from the Board.

Mr. L. J. Davies, Mr. D. O. Russell and Mr. J. K. Blousfield have joined the Board.

In accordance with the articles of Association, Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. T. G. Weall retire but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Chartered Accountants, retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

China Fire Insurance Company.

The report for presentation to the Shareholders at the fifty-eight ordinary meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., to be held at the Company's offices, at 11.20 a.m., on Friday, May 20, states:

The Board has now to lay before the Shareholders a balance sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities of the Company on the 31st December, 1926, and a statement of working accounts.

1925 Accounts.—The balance of working account on the 31st December 1925, was £605,222.53 as per annexed statement.

The Board recommends that a dividend of \$9 per share and a bonus dividend of \$5 per share on 20,000 shares be paid to Shareholders, absorbing \$280,000 and that the balance be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the Account for the year 1926.

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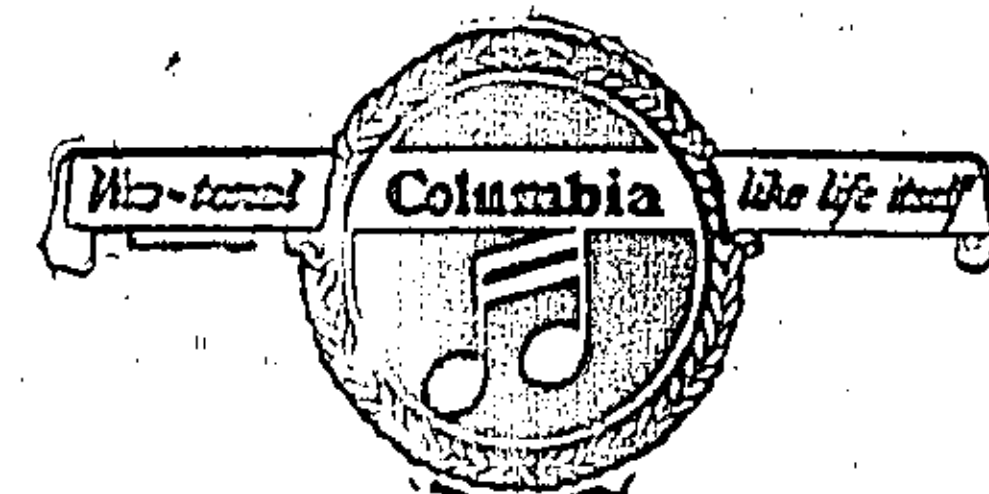
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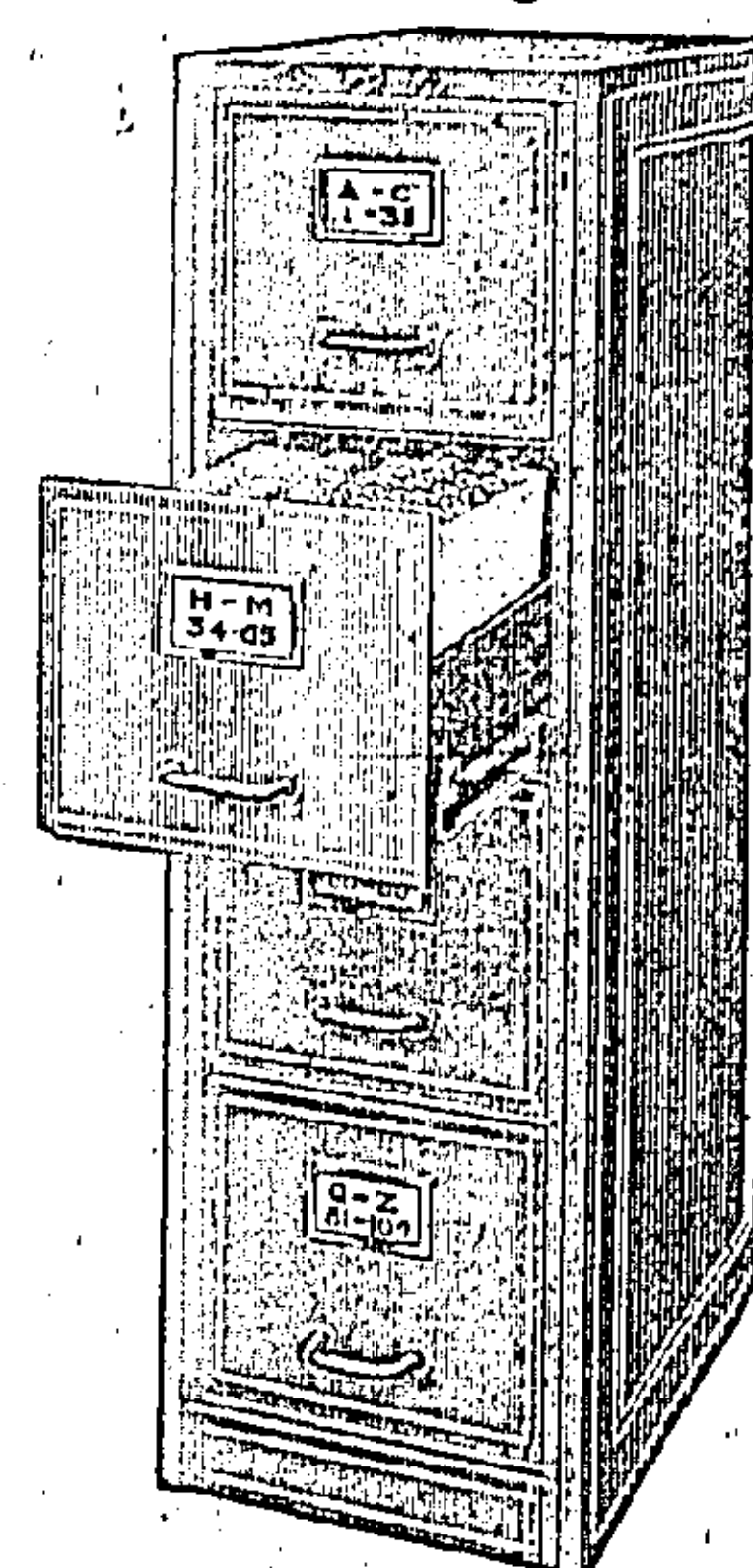
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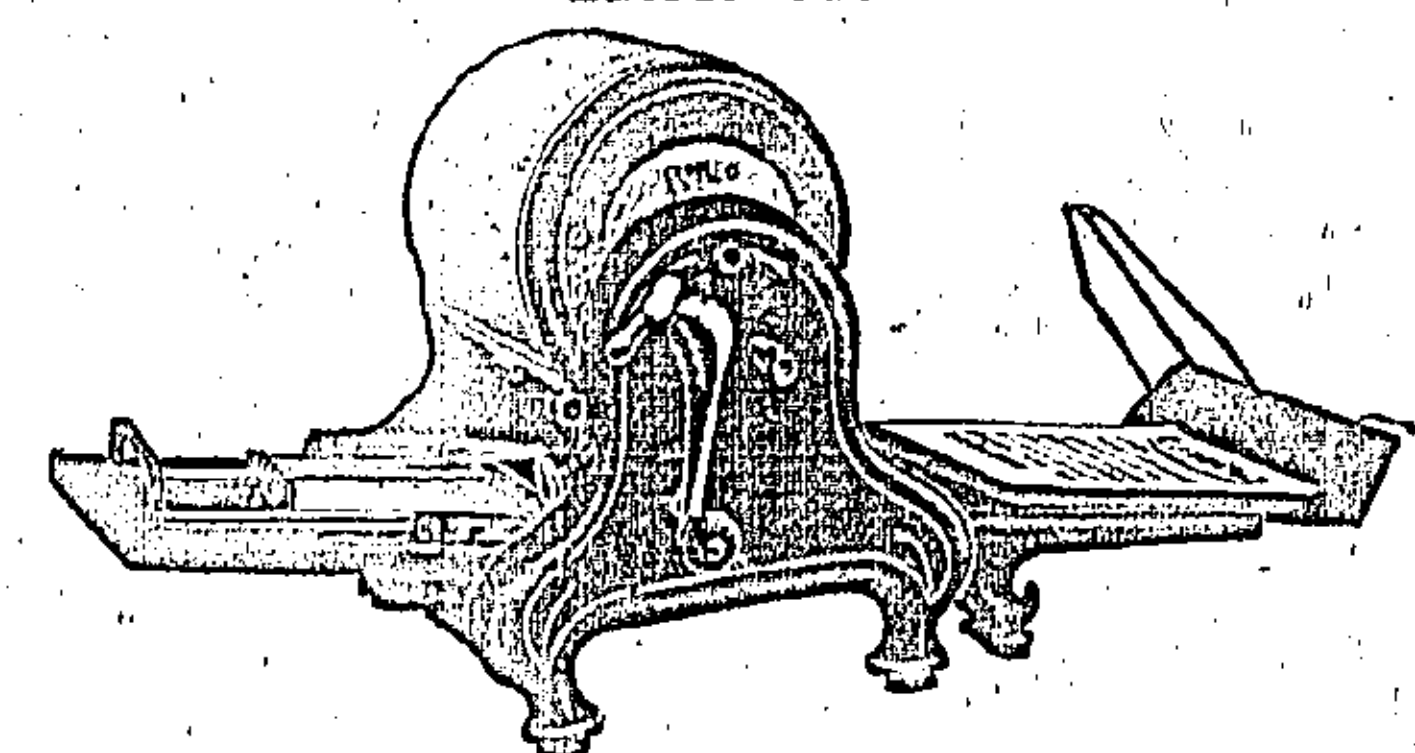


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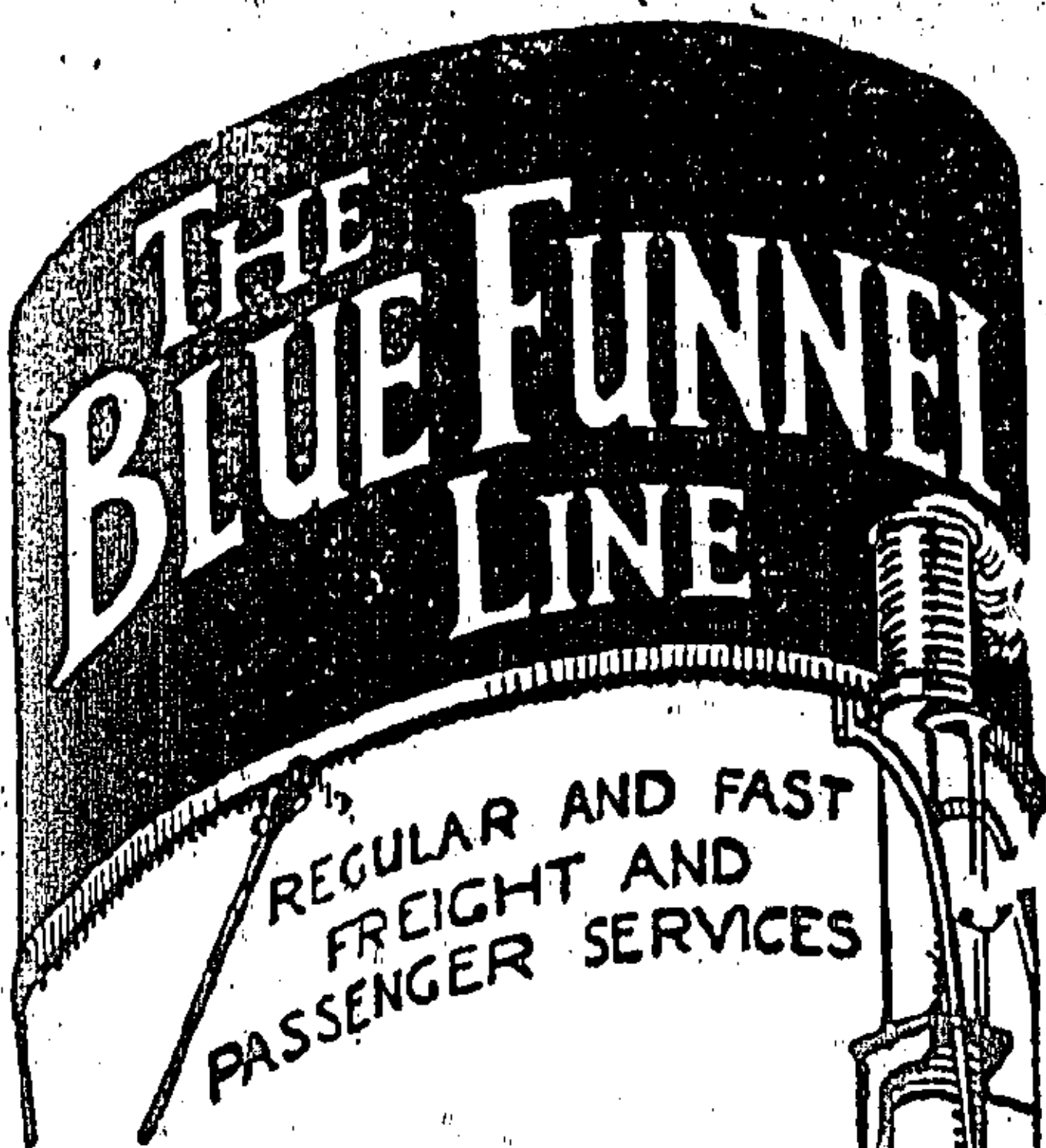
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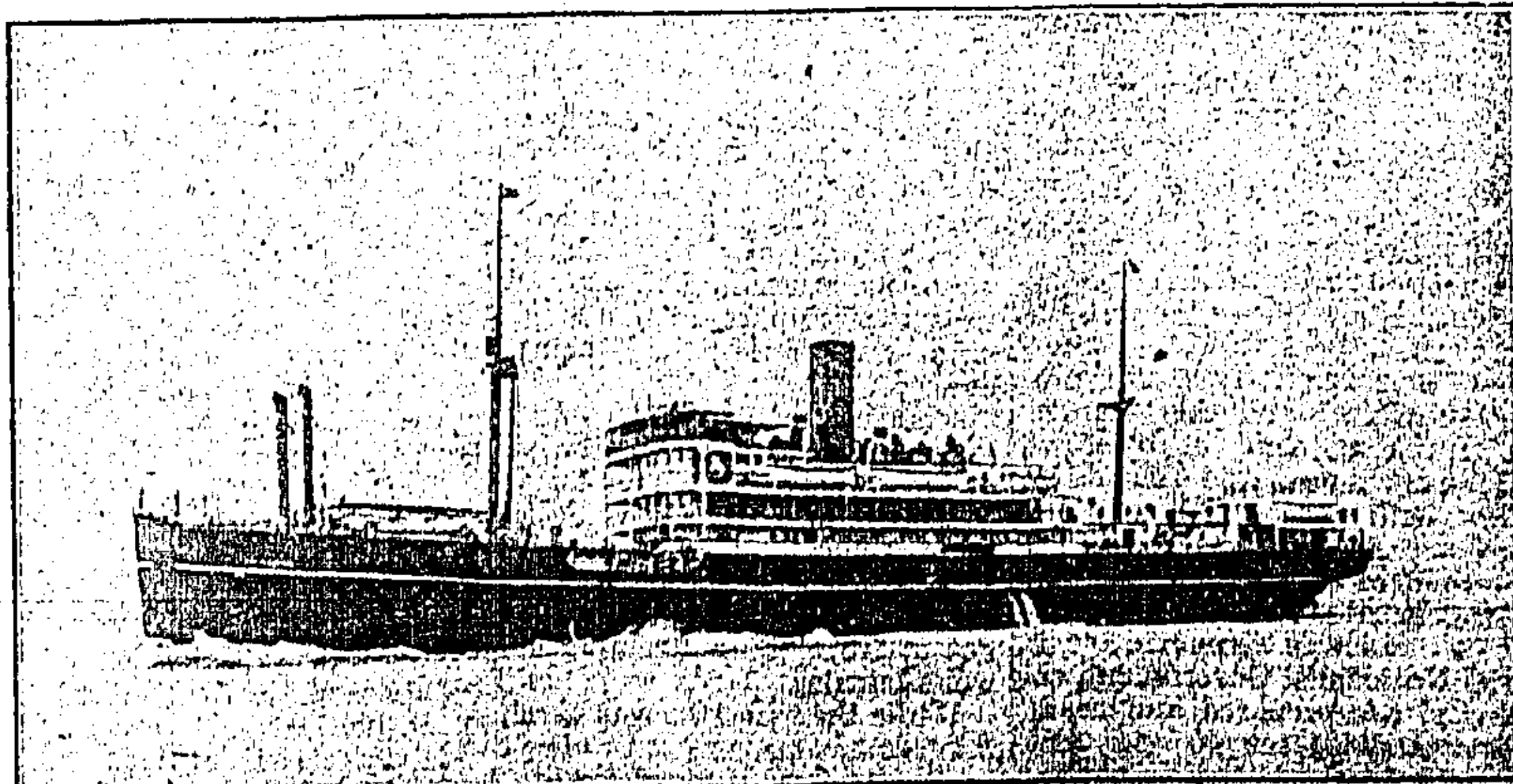
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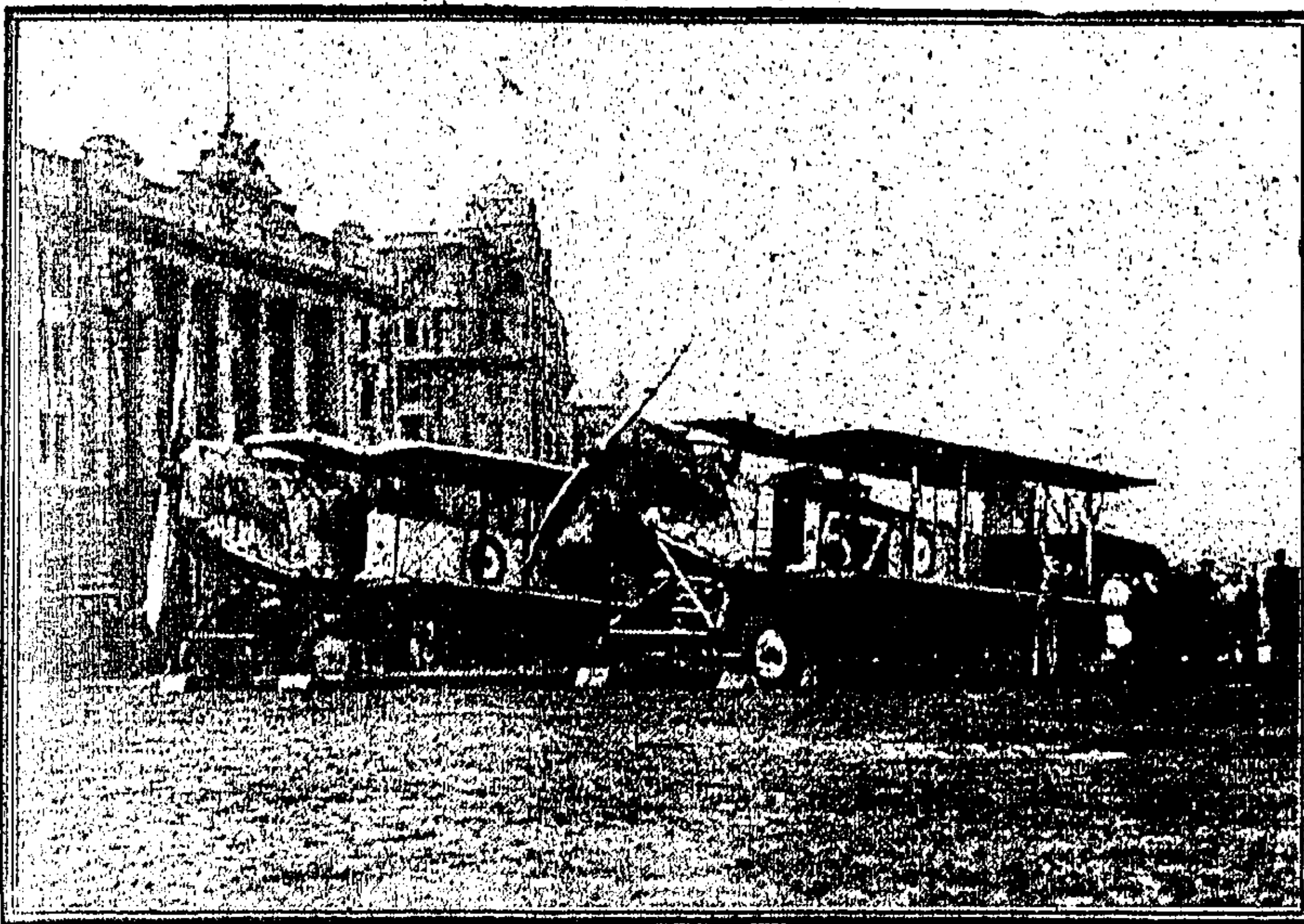
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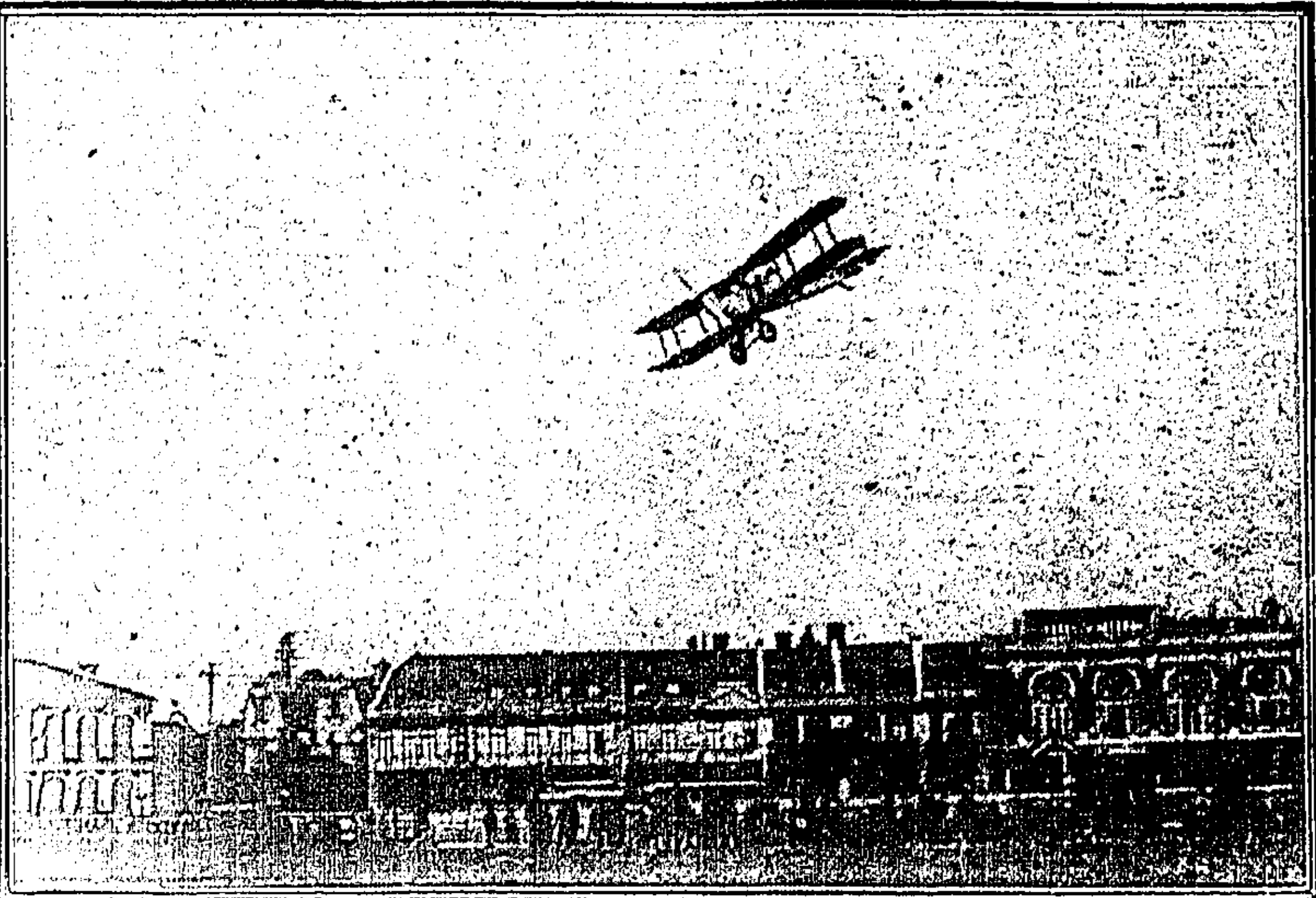
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BRITISH AEROPLANES AT SHANGHAI.



Two of the six British aeroplanes from H.M.S. Argus are here seen on the Bund in front of the Yokohama Specie Bank. They were later housed in new hangars at the Race Course.



One of the six British aeroplanes now in Shanghai, which fly over the Race Course.

WILL BRITAIN RE-TAKE
HANKOW?

(Continued from Page 1.)

Chien's 20th Division are being withdrawn from the East River, and will be sent to the North River also. The Field-Marshal's headquarters are directly controlling the Yueh-Ian railway administration, so as to facilitate the transportation of troops and military stores along that line.

Yesterday morning the Field-Marshal's headquarters ordered the Police Department of Canton to have the required 2,000 commissariat coolies ready before noon to-morrow.

Offensive Imminent.

According to latest information obtained from military circles, General Chien will leave personally with a regiment of bodyguards to-morrow morning for the North River, and an order for a general attack against the "Reds" will be given as soon as General Chien arrives at the front.

General Hsu Ching-tang assumed his new office yesterday, as Commissioner of Military Affairs of the Provincial Government.

General Li Chai-sum attended the inauguration ceremony personally, and represented the Army Headquarters and the Special Kuomintang Committee in presenting the seals of office to the new Military Commissioner. General Li advised General Tang, who was General Li's closest follower, that he should do his best in performing his duties to clean up the province of bandits and "Reds," which is of vital importance at the present time.

General Chien Ta-chun, the North River Expedition commander, said he hoped General Hsu will maintain perfect order in the rear while he himself is carrying out the anti-"Red" expedition.

General Li Chai-sum has given notice to the Arsenal and munition factories in Canton to the effect that night shifts should be organized, so as to increase the daily output during these days, when a general anti-"Red" military campaign in the province is about to be waged.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

FIGHTING AT NANKING.

Communist Raid on Railway.

Persistent reports were circulated in Shanghai on Thursday to the effect that General Chiang Kai-shek was evacuating Nanking and was intending to make Shanghai his headquarters. The report went on that White Russians had already entered Nanking, having crossed the river from Fukow as the vanguard of Sun Chuan-fang's

MARCONI TO RE-MARRY.

ENGAGED TO ITALIAN
COUNTESS.

Rome, May 2.

The engagement of Senator Marconi, of wireless fame, to the Countess Bezzi Scali, of Rome, is officially announced.—*Reuter.*
[Senator Marconi married the Hon. Beatrice O'Brien in 1905, but the marriage was dissolved in 1924.]

AN R.A. TRAGEDY.

SCULPTOR'S DESPAIR WHEN
STATUETTE SMASHED.

There was a pathetic incident at the Royal Academy, where sculpture was being received for selection for the Summer Exhibition, which was to open on May 2.

An elderly man, Mr. John Taylor, of Forest-hill, arrived carrying under his arm a plaster statuette. He refused to allow the skilled attendants to unwrap his work. His hands were shaking, perhaps with the excitement of the occasion.

As he was taking the last wrap off the figure, which was that of a frocked man, he snapped off the feet at the ankles. "My chance has gone," he said. "I suppose I am too old. I am 60. I must give it up."

And he turned sadly away.

forces, and that Chiang had used the large amount of rolling stock there to facilitate his retirement.

The report also stated that following the evacuation of the rolling stock from Nanking, Chiang Kai-shek's men tore up rails in the vicinity of Lone Tree Hill Station, which is probably the nearest point, on the railway to Nanking City if the terminus is excluded. It was at Lone Tree Hill Station in 1913 that Marshal Chang Hsun had his headquarters while attacking Nanking from Purple Mountain.

Later reports, however, were that the cutting of the railway was the work of a party of Communist raiders from Wuhu, coming overland. They did cut the railway but subsequently all were taken prisoner.

Chinking reports were to the effect that no trains were being allowed to run between Changchow and Nanking, and apparently railway communication from Shanghai is open only as far as Changchow.

Loopholed entrenchments are reported to have been constructed on the river bank near Chinking, about two and a half miles above Vine Point Beacon and others are seen to be in the course of construction.

SPURIOUS NOTE.

CASE AGAINST INDIAN
ADJOURNED.

The case in which Asraff Ali was charged with trying to pass off a spurious note at No. 52, Hollywood Road, came up before Mr. R. E. Lindsell again, this morning.

Iron Bux was recalled, and stated that he did not give defendant's name to the Police right away as he did not know it, neither did he know his address.

Sergeant Baker gave evidence regarding the arrest of the defendant, and how he was traced. They came across him near Aberdeen Street, by mere chance.

Letter to Magistrate.

At this stage, his Worship inquired if Mr. Loseby had seen a letter which was sent to the Magistrate as well as to Sergeant Baker. Mr. Loseby replied that he had not.

Miss Brent was recalled, and was asked to confirm her previous statement that Indians were unknown in her house. She did so, whereupon Mr. Loseby paraded six men into the Court (all Indians) and asked her if she had ever seen them. She replied that she may have.

In answer to another question, she said that she was under the impression that Indians always wore a turban.

Mr. Milne, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, gave evidence to the effect that the note was a forgery. He said that he had had the note passed to him by Mr. Morrison, also of the Bank, who is now on leave.

Mr. Lindsell asked Mr. Loseby whether he would insist on Mr. Morrison being produced. Mr. Loseby replied that he was entitled to have the case of the prosecution proved to the hilt, before he made any defence.

The case was adjourned until Friday afternoon.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

TEN DEATHS FROM
TYPHOID.

The feature of last week's health return was that there had been eleven cases of typhoid fever, ten of which have proved fatal.

There were also two fatal cases of small-pox, two fatal cases of cerebro-spinal fever and one non-fatal case of diphtheria.

All the above cases were Chinese.
Yesterday's health return shows two fresh cases of diphtheria and one each of small-pox and typhoid fever, the sufferers being all Chinese.

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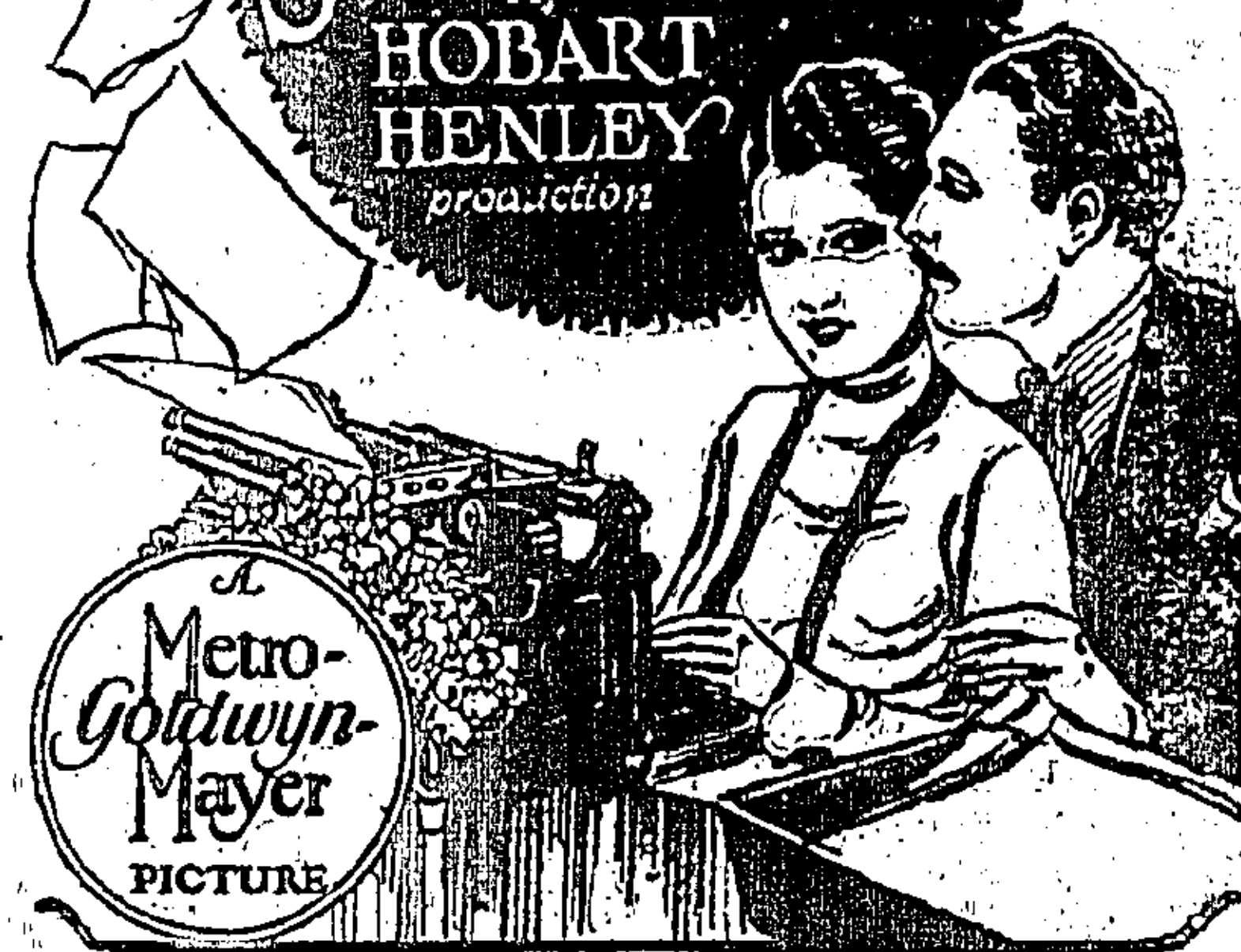
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The children, who had been trained by the staff, gave an excellent programme with considerable skill, especially the dancing items. In addition to dancing, songs and recitations were given.

A prettily-executed dance commenced the programme, in which pupils dressed to represent violets, primroses, and country boys heralded the arrival of the Queen of the May, (Miss Annie Weir), who was escorted by pages and children representing snowdrops.

The Maypole dance, for which a big Maypole had been erected was particularly striking, and in this effort the children seemed to radiate the joy of spring, dancing with a grace that was good to see. Other dances were the "Flower Dance," and the "Spring Dance."

A number of songs were rendered, the one that was best sung being "The Saucy Sailor," which evoked much laughter from the onlookers.

The programme concluded with the song "Maytime is Playtime," after which the youthful artists danced from view in the wake of the Queen.

The accompanists were Mrs. S. W. Cressey (piano), Mr. S. W. Cressey, and Mr. W. E. Webber, (violinists.)

At the conclusion the headmistress, Miss G. M. Cotton, said she hoped those present had enjoyed the performance, and expressed thanks to all those who had so kindly assisted.